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A. W. F. Edwards is one of the most influential mathematical geneticists in the history of the discipline. One of the last students of R. A. Fisher, Edwards pioneered the statistical analysis of phylogeny in collaboration with L. L. Cavalli-Sforza, and helped establish Fisher's concept of likelihood as a standard of statistical and scientific inference. In this book, edited by philosopher of science Rasmus Grønfeldt Winther, Edwards's key papers are assembled alongside commentaries by leading scientists, discussing Edwards's influence on their own research and on thinking in their field overall. In an extensive set of interviews with Winther, Edwards offers his thoughts on his contributions, their legacy, and the context in which they emerged. This book is a resource both for anyone interested in the history and philosophy of genetics, statistics, and science, and for scientists seeking to develop new algorithmic and statistical methods for understanding the genetic relationships between and among species both extant and extinct.

A. W. F. EDWARDS, F.R.S., is a Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. In addition to some 250 scientific papers on a wide range of topics, he has published four books including *Likelihood* and *Foundations of Mathematical Genetics*, both with Cambridge University Press. Edwards has been interested in the history and philosophy of science for as long as he has been a contributor to science.

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