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PREFACE

In 1985 I published a lengthy book on Marx, *Making Sense of Marx* (Cambridge University Press). The present book is much shorter, about 25 percent of the first. It has virtually no exegetical discussions of the texts or of the views of other Marxist scholars. The main intention is simply to state Marx’s views and engage in an argument with them. With two exceptions, there is little here that is not found, in some place and some form, in the first book. In Chapter 1, I provide a brief bio-bibliographic survey that is not included in *Making Sense of Marx*. In Chapter 3, I offer a discussion of alienation that goes substantially beyond what was found in the earlier book. A fuller development of the ideas sketched there is found in my “Self-realization in work and politics,” *Social Philosophy and Policy* (1986).

A companion volume of selected texts by Marx, organized along thematic lines corresponding to Chapters 2–9, is published simultaneously with this book.