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The essays in this volume are concerned with our everyday and developed scientific systems of explanation of human behavior in terms of beliefs, attitudes, memories, and the like. The volume provides an introduction to the lively contemporary debate about the status and theoretical viability of such forms of "folk-psychological" explanation, in the light of recent developments in neurobiology and cognitive science. It can be used as a textbook for advanced courses in the philosophy of mind, psychology, and cognitive science.

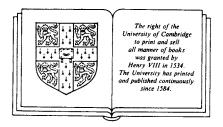


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Preface

This book is based on the principal contributions to a conference on the future of folk psychology sponsored by the Department of Philosophy of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, April 15–17, 1988. The essays by Paul Churchland, by William Ramsey, Stephen Stich, and Joseph Garon, by Daniel Dennett, by Jonathan Bennett, and by Simon Blackburn are based on the principal papers of the conference. The essays by John Greenwood, by John Heil, and by Jay Rosenberg are based on commentaries delivered at the conference. The other commentators at the conference were Jeff Coulter and Sydney Shoemaker.

The essays by Jerry Fodor and by Terence Horgan and James Woodward were published previously: Fodor's originally appeared in *Mind* in 1985; Horgan and Woodward's originally appeared in *The Philosophical Review* in 1985. The essays by Joseph Margolis and by Richard McDonough were written specially for this volume.

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