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Kant's *Critique of Judgment* seems not to be an obviously unified work. Unlike other attempts to comprehend it as a unity, which treat it as serving either practical or theoretical interests, Kristi Sweet's book posits it as examining a genuinely independent sphere of human life. In her in-depth account of Kant's critical philosophical system, Sweet argues that the *Critique* addresses the question: for what may I hope? The answer is given in Kant's account of 'territory,' a region of experience that both underlies and mediates between freedom and nature. Territory forms the context in which purposiveness without a purpose, the Ideal of Beauty, the *sensus communis*, genius and aesthetic ideas, and Kant's conception of life, and proof of God are best interpreted. Encounters in this sphere are shown to refer us to a larger, more cosmic sense of a whole to which both freedom and nature belong.

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For my teachers.

For nature is our problem, the text for our interpretations.
—Immanuel Kant (*R* 18:274)

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Abbreviations

<i>Anth</i>	<i>Anthropologie in pragmatischer Hinsicht / Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View</i> , in <i>Anthropology, History, and Education</i>
<i>Br</i>	<i>Briefe</i> (AA 10–13) / <i>Correspondence</i>
<i>G</i>	<i>Grundlegung zur Metaphysik der Sitten</i> (AA 4) / <i>Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , in <i>Practical Philosophy</i>
<i>GwS</i>	<i>Gedanken von der wahren Schätzung der lebendigen Kräfte</i> (AA 1) / <i>Thoughts on the True Estimation of Living Forces</i> , in <i>Natural Science</i>
<i>IaG</i>	<i>Idee zu einer allgemein Geschichte in weltbürgerlicher Absicht</i> (AA 8) / <i>Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Aim</i> , in <i>Anthropology, History, and Education</i>
<i>KpV</i>	<i>Kritik der praktischen Vernunft</i> (AA 5) / <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , in <i>Practical Philosophy</i>
<i>KrV</i>	<i>Kritik der reinen Vernunft</i> (cited by A/B pagination) / <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i>
<i>KU</i>	<i>Kritik der Urteilskraft</i> (AA 5) / <i>Critique of the Power of Judgment</i>
<i>LJ</i>	<i>Logik Jäsche</i> (AA 9) / <i>Jäsche Logic</i> , in <i>Lectures on Logic</i>
<i>MAN</i>	<i>Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Naturwissenschaft</i> (AA 4) / <i>Metaphysical Foundations of Natural Science</i> , in <i>Theoretical Philosophy after 1781</i>
<i>MC</i>	<i>Moralphilosophie Collins</i> (AA 27) / <i>Moral Philosophy, Collins</i> , in <i>Lectures on Ethics</i>
<i>MS</i>	<i>Die Metaphysik der Sitten</i> (AA 6) / <i>The Metaphysics of Morals</i> , in <i>Practical Philosophy</i>
<i>OP</i>	<i>Opus postumum</i> (AA 21–22)
<i>PG</i>	<i>Physische Geographie</i> (AA 9) / <i>Physical Geography</i> , in <i>Natural Science</i>

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