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ABBREVIATIONS

AWL	<i>Wittgenstein's Lectures, Cambridge 1932–1935</i> , ed. A. Ambrose
BLBK	<i>The Blue Book</i>
BRBK	<i>The Brown Book</i>
BT	<i>The Big Typescript</i>
CV ¹	<i>Culture and Value</i>
LC	<i>Lectures and Conversations</i>
LFM	<i>Lectures on the Foundations of Mathematics</i>
LWI	<i>Last Writings on the Philosophy of Psychology</i> , vol. I
LWII	<i>Last Writings on the Philosophy of Psychology</i> , vol. II
LWL	<i>Wittgenstein's Lectures, Cambridge 1930–1932</i> , ed. D. Lee
MS	Manuscript
NB	<i>Notebooks 1914–1916</i>
NL	<i>Notes on Logic</i>
OC	<i>On Certainty</i>
PG	<i>Philosophical Grammar</i>

¹ References to *Culture and Value* are cited from both the 1980 English translation edition and the 1998 revised 2nd edition; e.g., the 1930 “Sketch for a Foreword” is cited as CV (1980: 6–8; 1998: 8–11).

Abbreviations

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PI ²	<i>Philosophical Investigations</i>
PO	<i>Philosophical Occasions</i>
PPF	<i>Philosophy of Psychology: A Fragment</i> (previously known as PI, Part II)
PR	<i>Philosophical Remarks</i>
PT	<i>Prototractatus</i>
RC	<i>Remarks on Colour</i>
RFM	<i>Remarks on the Foundations of Mathematics</i>
RPPI	<i>Remarks on the Philosophy of Psychology, vol. I</i>
RPPII	<i>Remarks on the Philosophy of Psychology, vol. II</i>
TLP	<i>Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus</i>
TS	<i>Typescript</i>
WWK	<i>Wittgenstein and the Vienna Circle</i>
Z	<i>Zettel</i>

² References to what has long been known as “Part II” of *Philosophical Investigations* are cited from the 2nd edition as PI, followed by section and page number; and from the revised 4th edition as “Philosophy of Psychology: A Fragment,” as PPF, followed by section and remark number. For instance, the sentences “If a lion could talk, we could not understand him” and “If a lion could talk, we wouldn’t be able to understand it” would both be cited as (PI, xi, p. 223; PPF, xi, 327).

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

This volume is about the life, work, and intellectual legacy of Ludwig Wittgenstein. Our aim in putting it together was to provide an accessible and up-to-date guide to Wittgenstein and his influence. In tune with the intentions of the *Cambridge Companion* series, the chapters focus on Wittgenstein as a philosopher and on Wittgensteinian themes within philosophy.

While we have retained ten of the fourteen chapters of the first edition, we have endeavored to enrich this second edition with a number of contributions opening up new perspectives on Wittgenstein's thought. In addition to a new Introduction, written by Hans Sluga, the new chapters are: "Tractarian Ethics" by Kevin Cahill; "Wittgenstein in the 1930s" by David Stern; "Aspects of Aspects" by Juliet Floyd; "Body and Soul" by Joachim Schulte; and "Time and History in Wittgenstein" by Hans Sluga. In addition, Michael Kober has taken the opportunity to add a substantial new opening and conclusion to his chapter. The comprehensive bibliography has also been fully updated.

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