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Nietzsche's controversial will to power thesis is convincingly rehabilitated in this compelling book. Tsarina Doyle presents a fresh interpretation of his account of nature and value, which sees him defy the dominant conception of nature in the Enlightenment and overturn Hume's distinction between facts and values. Doyle argues that Nietzsche challenges Hume indirectly through critical engagement with Kant's idealism and that, in so doing and despite some wrong turns, he establishes the possibility of objective value in response to nihilism and the causal efficacy of consciousness as a necessary condition of human autonomy. Her book will be important for scholars of Nietzsche's metaphysics and of the history of philosophy and science more generally.

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Abbreviations

- KSA *Sämtliche Werke. Kritische Studienausgabe*, 15 volumes, Giorgio Colli and Mazzino Montinari (eds.) (Berlin and New York, NY: Walter de Gruyter, 1967–1977). Cited by volume and note number. If a section is particularly long, citation will be by volume and page number (pp.).
- KGW *Werke. Kritische Gesamtausgabe*, ca 40 volumes. Founded by Giorgi Colli and Mazzino Montinari. Volker Gerhardt, Norbert Miller, Wolfgang Müller-Lauter and Karl Pestalozzi (eds.) (Berlin and New York: Walter de Gruyter, 1967–). Cited by volume, part and page number.

English translations have been used where available. They are cited by section number. If sections are particularly long, page numbers will be provided (pp.).

- AC *The Anti-Christ*, included in *Twilight of the Idols/The Anti-Christ*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (London: Penguin, 1990).
- BGE *Beyond Good and Evil*, trans. Marion Faber (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998).
- BT *The Birth of Tragedy and Other Writings*, trans. Ronald Speirs (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).
- CW Friedrich Nietzsche, 'The Case of Wagner' in Keith Ansell Pearson and Duncan Large (eds.), *The Nietzsche Reader* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2006), pp. 451–455.
- D *Daybreak*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993).
- DWW Friedrich Nietzsche, 'The Dionysiac World View' in *The Birth of Tragedy and Other Writings*, trans. Ronald Speirs (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), pp. 117–138.

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- EH *Ecce Homo*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (London: Penguin, 1992). Cited by part and section number.
- GM *On the Genealogy of Morality*, trans. Maudemarie Clark and Alan J. Swensen (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 1998).
- GS *The Gay Science*, trans. Walter Kaufmann (New York, NY: Vintage Books, 1974).
- HC 'Homer's Contest' in Keith Ansell Pearson and Duncan Large (eds.), *The Nietzsche Reader* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2006), pp. 95–100.
- HAH *Human, All Too Human*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996).
- PPP *The Pre-Platonic Philosophers*, trans. Greg Whitlock (Urbana, IL, and Chicago, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2001).
- PTG *Philosophy in the Tragic Age of the Greeks*, trans. Marianne Cowan (Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, 1998). Cited by page number.
- SE 'Schopenhauer as Educator' in *Untimely Meditations*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994).
- TI *Twilight of the Idols*, trans. Duncan Large (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998). Cited by part and section number.
- TL 'On Truth and Lies in a Nonmoral Sense' in *Philosophy and Truth: Selections from Nietzsche's Notebooks of the Early 1870's*, Daniel Breazale (ed.) (London: Humanities Press International, 1991).
- WP *The Will to Power*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale and Walter Kaufmann (New York, NY: Vintage Books, 1968). Dual references to WP and KSA will be given.
- Z *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, trans. R. J. Hollingdale (London: Penguin, 1969).