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Heidegger’s Moral Ontology offers the first comprehensive account of the ethical issues that underwrite Heidegger’s early efforts to develop a novel account of human existence. Drawing from a wide array of source materials from the period leading up to the publication of Being and Time (1919–27), and in conversation with ancient, modern, and contemporary contributions to moral philosophy, James D. Reid brings Heidegger’s early philosophy into fruitful dialogue with the history of ethics, and sheds fresh light on such familiar topics as Heidegger’s critique of Husserl, his engagement with Aristotle, his account of mortality, the role played by Kant in the genesis of Being and Time, and his early reflections on philosophical language and concepts. This lively book will appeal to all who are interested in Heidegger’s early phenomenology and in his thought more generally, and to those interested in the nature, scope, and foundations of ethical life.

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