Aristotle’s *On the Soul* aims to uncover the principle of life, what Aristotle calls *psuchē* (soul). For Aristotle, soul is the form which gives life to a body and causes all its living activities, from breathing to thinking. Aristotle develops a general account of all types of living through examining soul’s causal powers. The thirteen new essays in this Critical Guide demonstrate the profound influence of Aristotle’s inquiry on biology, psychology and philosophy of mind from antiquity to the present. They deepen our understanding of his key concepts, including form, reason, capacity, and activity. This volume situates Aristotle in his intellectual context and draws judiciously from his other works as well as the history of interpretation to shed light on his intricate views. It also highlights ongoing interpretive debates and Aristotle’s continuing relevance. It will prove invaluable for researchers in ancient philosophy and the history of science and ideas.

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Abbreviations

Aristotelian Texts

APo. Posterior Analytics
APr. Prior Analytics
Cael. De Caelo (On the Heavens)
Cat. Categories
DA De Anima (On the Soul)
Div. Somn. De Divinatione per Somnum (On Divination by Dreams)
GA De Generatione Animalium (On the Generation of Animals)
HA Historia Animalium (Natural History of Animals)
Insomn. De Insomniis (On Dreams)
Int. De Interpretatione (On Interpretation)
MA De Motu Animalium (On the Motion of Animals)
Mem. De Memoria et Reminiscencia On Memory and Recollection
Met. Metaphysics
Meteor. Meteorology
NE Nicomachean Ethics
PA De Partibus Animalium (On the Parts of Animals)
Phys. Physics
Pol. Politics
Top. Topics
Resp. On Respiration
Rhett. Rhetoric
Sens. De Sensu et Sensibilibus (On Sense and the Sensible)
Soph. El. De Sophisticis Elenchis (On Sophistical Refutations)

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