

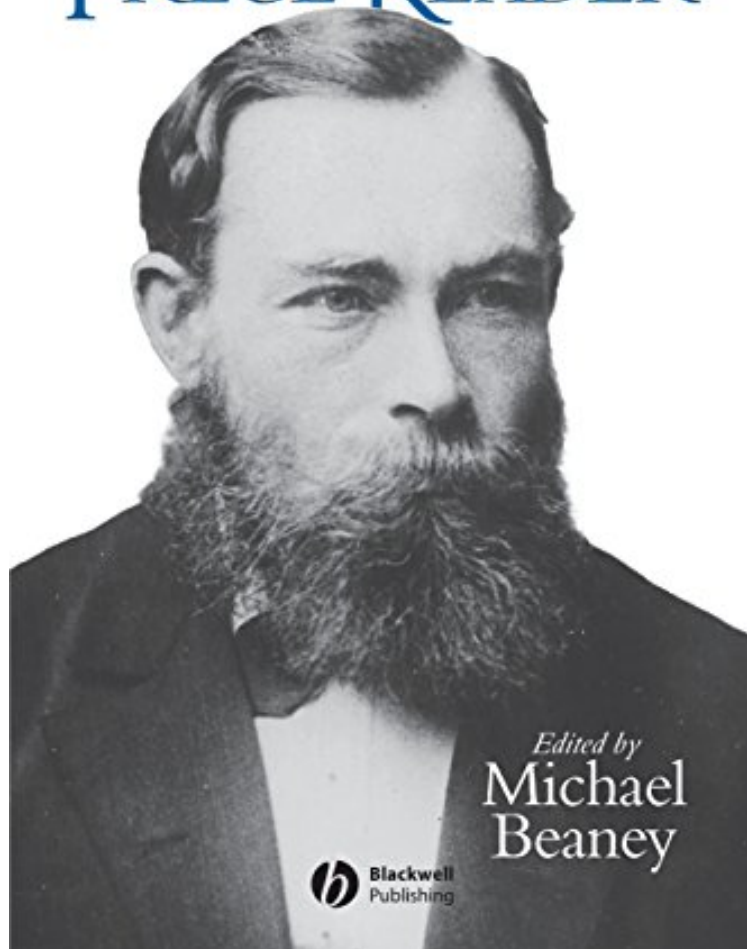
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**Gottlob Frege : The Frege Reader** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Frege Reader:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Frege You've Been Craving By Jeffrey Rubard You might not read about Gottlob Frege in the book-review supplements of posh newspapers on a regular basis, but John McDowell struck the right note in a 1973 review of Dummett's *\*Frege: Philosophy of Language\** in the TLS: his review was entitled "Frege: The Twentieth Century Descartes". Frege (1848-1925) was an eccentric German mathematics professor who fundamentally shaped the philosophical tendency known as "analytic" philosophy with his incredibly

innovative full-length logical works, and even more with short philosophical essays that rigorously and systematically explored the nature of language and its relation to human thought. Frege's career was marked by frustration, but beginning with Bertrand Russell Anglophone philosophers trying to make philosophy (at least more) scientific took up his cause and have never left it. On the topics he addresses, Frege is a gold-standard writer; *\*The Frege Reader\**, edited by Dummett student Michael Beaney, offers a collection of his writings with its own rigor and systematicity. "ber Sinn und Bedeutung" (standardly known as "On Sense and Reference") is here, of course, and the other short writings like "On Concept and Object" and "The Thought" which philosophers still avidly discuss a hundred years later: carefully-planned selections covering Frege's pathbreaking formal logic system, drawn from *\*Begriffsschrift\** (*\*Concept-script\**) and *\*Die Grundgesetze der Arithmetik\** (*\*The Basic Laws of Arithmetic\**), help the philosophy tyro get a fundamental grasp of how Frege's logic motivated his philosophy of language. The *\*Grundgesetze\** has been translated entire recently, TeX typesetting and all, and the reader who wants a complete English translation of *\*Begriffsschrift\** can find one in van Heijenoort's *\*From Frege to Gdel\**, but for a reasonably complete collection of the *\*Kleine Schriften\** this can't be beat. The "full" three-volume collection of Frege's papers and correspondence, available for a pretty penny from University of Chicago Press, features terminology-by-committee: Beaney uses untranslated terms to navigate a "middle way" between it and the archaic translations of Max Black and co. If you are enrolled as a philosophy student, peel off a few from the bankroll for this; if you're a "sandlot philosopher", it's probably even more important.

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Excellent By Reader  
 Published in 1997 by Blackwell and edited by Michael Beaney `The Frege Reader' is a compilation of important aspects of Frege's corpus; articles, book excerpts and correspondence. The editor is himself an accomplished philosopher with several publications on the origins of analytic philosophy and the work of Frege. While the text has much strength, some features of the book that I particularly appreciated were: *\* It is a handy compilation of Frege's most important works including `Thought', `Function' and `Concept and `On Sinn and Bedeutung'. While these writings have been previously published it is nice to have them under one cover. Potential purchasers are advised to refer to the table of contents prior to purchase (available on-line).\** The detailed introduction (45 pages) is excellent. Beaney is an outstanding guide - a knowledgeable and gifted communicator. In addition to situating Frege's work in its historic context the introduction also addresses some of the more interesting and contentious aspects of his work. The discussion of the various translations of `bedeutung' was especially well done. *\* Helpful appendices explaining Frege's logical notation and providing recommendations for further reading* Overall this is the best one volume collection of Frege writings that I have encountered. It is likely to be of interest to readers of Frege and students of analytic philosophy.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Frege is the greatest philosopher/logician since Leibniz  
 By Book Review  
 Frege is the greatest philosopher/logician since Leibniz. This book is a masterpiece that presents some of his most important works such as on Concept and Object, Sense and Meaning, etc. Only wish there was a kindle version.

This is the first single-volume edition and translation of Frege's philosophical writings to include all of his seminal papers and substantial selections from all three of his major works.

"The book aims to be the best single edition available for introductory Frege courses. It is a well organized, reasonably priced one-stop Frege shop. It is too convenient not to be used in introductory courses on Frege; in fact, as a single volume, it has no competition I can think of. The general conception is excellent. It is easily readable by graduates or advanced undergraduates. The forty-six page introduction and notes to the translations make it useful also for Frege scholars. The book's virtues are strong. I recommend it for courses on Frege, philosophy of language, philosophy of logic, and analytic philosophy." Jan Dejnozka, *History and Philosophy of Logic*

From the Back Cover  
 This is the first single-volume edition and translation of Frege's philosophical writings to include all of his seminal papers as well as substantial selections from all three of his major works. It is intended to provide the essential primary texts for students of logic, philosophical logic, philosophy of language, and philosophy of mathematics. It contains in particular Frege's four papers "Function and Concept", "On Concept and Object", "On Sense and Reference", and "Thought", and new translations of key parts of the *Begriffsschrift*, *The Foundations of Arithmetic*, and *the Basic Laws of Arithmetic*. The editor's substantial introduction provides the reader with an overview of the significance and development of Frege's philosophy, while the footnotes, appendices and glossary facilitate understanding of some of the more difficult elements of Frege's thought.

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