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"...the detail with which Richardson systematically connects will to power as an ontology with other prominent Nietzschean ideas is impressive."--*The Review of Metaphysics*

"Richardson writes clearly and without jargon....*Nietzsche's System* would make an excellent advanced survey course of Nietzsche without over-burdening the students, both intellectually and financially....[he] has crafted the best introduction to Nietzsche to date."--*Teaching Philosophy*

"This book contributes a valuable overview of Nietzsche's incorporation of scientific theories of his era."--*German Studies Review*

Richardson's study is noteworthy for its engagement with rival interpretations of Nietzsche, and for its scrupulous attention to the many recalcitrant passages in his writings. It is a useful and provocative contribution to the understanding and evaluation of Nietzsche's thought."--*Ethics*

From the Back Cover

In recent years post-modernist critics have embraced Nietzsche as a philosopher who broke fundamentally free from the traditions of Western philosophy, even to the point of rejecting the goal of truth. In this original study that is sure to provoke stimulating discussion, John Richardson challenges these interpretations with a "conservative" reading of Nietzsche which, instead, displays his deep continuities with those philosophical traditions. Richardson carefully and systematically extrapolates from Nietzsche's work a metaphysical system that demonstrates how Nietzsche did indeed aspire to find and state essential truths, both descriptive and evaluative, about us and the world. Scrutinizing the controversial philosopher's basic thoughts, Richardson seeks to unveil the larger structure and unifying sense to Nietzsche's strikingly diverse views.

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