



### Iron Pyrite

Reflections on Kripkean Themes

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**Challenges Kripkean orthodoxy; develops Wittgensteinian alternatives in logic, language, and metaphysics; and reassesses fundamental philosophical views.**

The book critiques positions argued for or assumed by Kripke, developing a largely Wittgensteinian philosophical position. Kripke's views have shaped analytic philosophy for more than half a century, many becoming common orthodoxy. Ben-Yami, by contrast, criticizes and rejects many central ones. Rigidity of names, if maintained, should be significantly revised; the causal or communication picture of names is rejected; identity is contingent, as is the origin of things; the meaning of kind terms is not a function of any unknown essence; Kripke has failed to provide any example of necessary a posteriori knowledge or to support the concept of metaphysical necessity; his approach to the liar paradox is mistaken; he failed to understand Wittgenstein on rule following; and more. A different approach to logic, language, metaphysics, and philosophy emerges as the book's critical reflections accumulate.

#### Readership

The book is intended for students and scholars interested in the philosophy of logic, language, or metaphysics in the analytic tradition, as well as those interested in Wittgenstein's views on these topics.

#### Key selling points

- Offers powerful criticisms of key theses by Kripke.
- Develops alternative views on logic and language.
- Presents an anti-metaphysical, broadly Wittgensteinian approach.
- Provides rich methodological reflections.

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