



Theory of Categories

Key Instruments of Human Understanding

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This is a book on how standard philosophical approach is mistaken in some ways and provides a revisionist approach to categories. It is must-read for people interested in understanding a pragmatic approach to categories and categorization.

This book offers a revisionist approach to categories, arguing that the standard philosophical approach is substantially correct in some respects, but markedly mistaken in others. The result is a distinctly pragmatic approach to categories and categorization, with implications regarding philosophical problematic and paradox in philosophy of mind, epistemology and metaphysics, philosophy of science, social philosophy and ethics.

Key selling points

- Provides a revisionist and pragmatic view of categories and categorization.
- Clarifies the role of purpose and cultural context.
- Incorporates both philosophical history and contemporary empirical work.
- Illustrates implications in logic, philosophy of science and ethics.

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