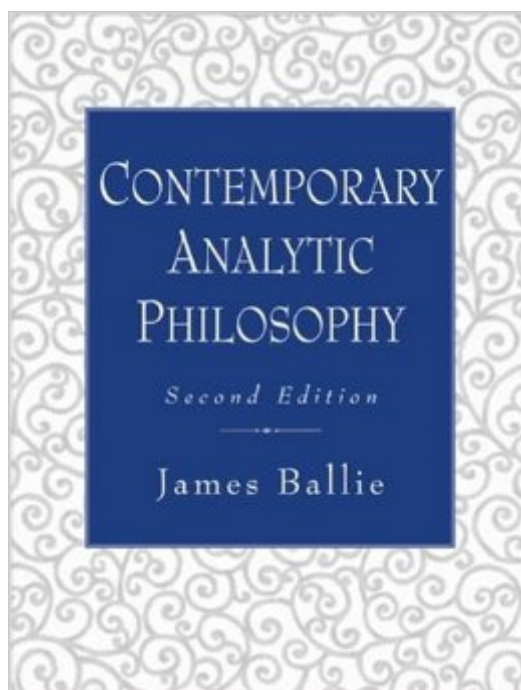


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that I would question - I just don't see him as particularly significant - perhaps a limitation on my part. Overall excellent work if wildly overpriced. I picked it up new at a book sale for \$3; its probably worth at most \$30.

This single book serves as an excellent intro to analytic philosophy. In each of various area of analytic philosophy, it contains several of the seminal articles. In addition, each chapter contains a several page intro and discussion of the articles. I highly recommend the book. I lowered the rating from 5 stars to 4 stars, because the book is priced about \$20 too high.

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