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Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951) is considered by most philosophers - even those who do not share his views - to be the most influential philosopher of the 20th century. His contributions to the philosophy of language, mind, meaning and psychology - as well as to logic, mathematics and epistemology - permanently altered the philosophical landscape, and his *Tractatus Logico Philosophicus* and *Philosophical Investigations* continue to be studied in philosophy departments around in the world. In this superb introduction and overview of Wittgenstein's life and work, William Child discusses:

Wittgenstein's early work, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, including his account of language and thought

Wittgenstein's subsequent rejection of some of the central doctrines of the *Tractatus*

Wittgenstein's later philosophy

intentionality and rule-following

philosophy of mind and psychology in *Philosophical Investigations*

knowledge and certainty, and Wittgenstein's final work

philosophy of religion

the legacy and influence of Wittgenstein's ideas in philosophy, and beyond.

Including a chronology, glossary, and helpful conclusions to each chapter, Wittgenstein is essential reading for anyone coming to Wittgenstein's philosophy for the first time.