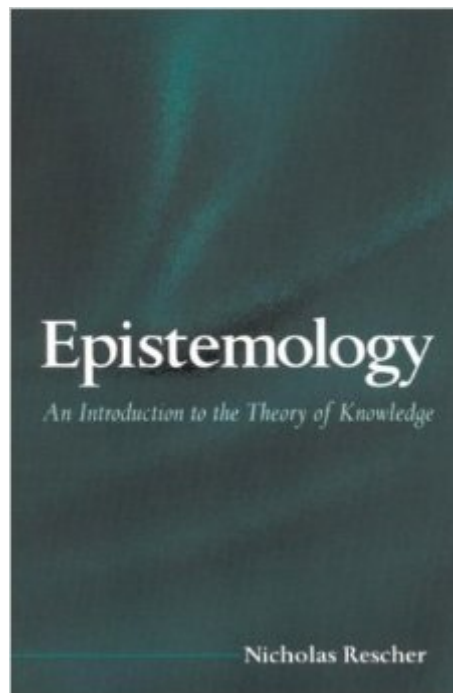


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ones." Crystal clear, but daunting, encountered in mass, for some readers. And Rescher is covering a huge territory here, and moves at a good clip. Other readers may be irked by Rescher's annoying habit of being right on so many issues.

This 400 page book qualifies as Rescher's most important synoptic effort since the 3 volume summa that he put together for Princeton UP. Those coming to NR for the first time are encouraged to begin here. Of course, he has written a great deal since 2003 on knowledge (esp. in regard to its deficiencies) so we can hope that he will offer another overview, before he packs it in. I suspect that his work in the philosophy of knowledge, as found herein, along with his meta-philosophical reflections upon the failure and progress of philosophy itself (e.g. *The Strife of Systems*), will prove to be his most important philosophy. The jury is still out, of course!

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