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The work of Pierre Bourdieu, the great French philosopher and sociologist is substantial, diversified and confusing. Bourdieu was a politically involved intellectual and a cultural sociologist. In both roles, he was as provocative as he was influential. This publication illuminates the sources and points of reference of Bourdieu's work and provides thorough explanations of his terms and concepts. It also reviews Bourdieu's main texts and discusses their impact. In addition, it vividly describes Bourdieu's field theory, explains its connections and interactions with related disciplines, and describes its history of reception. The book also reflects on the prominent position Bourdieu's investigative frameworks (such as cultural, social and symbolic capital, habitus, distinction, field or symbolic violence) have gained in a wide variety of disciplines thus increasing our awareness of the multiplicity of ways in which Bourdieu's work can be interpreted.

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Intended Audience:

Students and teachers of philosophy, social sciences, politics, cultural studies and related disciplines

Key Features:

- 1 Offers insight into the life, work and impact of a highly influential and engaged intellectual
- 2 Provides a thread through the maze of Bourdieu's terms, concepts, and investigative frameworks
- 3 Includes a bibliography and an index