

## **Freedom and resentment and other essays / P.F. Strawson**

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### **Abstrak**

Strawson published two collections of papers in the 1970s. *Freedom and Resentment and Other Essays* was the second of these collections, coming out in 1974. The first, *Logico-Linguistic Papers*, contained many of Strawson's most famous papers on the philosophy of language.<sup>1</sup> This second collection covers a broad range of topics: moral philosophy, perception, philosophy of language, aesthetics, the metaphysics of mind, and Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*. Further, one paper about perception deals with Kant, and the essay on mind engages with Descartes. The collection, therefore, exemplifies one of the striking aspects of Strawson's philosophical output – its breadth. His writing touched virtually every branch of philosophy. The collection also reveals two other aspects of his writings. Each essay contains and develops a bold and novel hypothesis (not necessarily only one). Strawson's originality stands out. In each, also, the ideas are developed, without exception, with intelligence, subtlety and care. One can liken reading these papers to listening to a succession of performances by a virtuoso of pieces of contrasting complexity, but where the control and the quality are always manifest. The most important paper in this collection is undoubtedly 'Freedom and Resentment', which gives its name to the volume itself, and I shall foreword vii talk about it at the end of this foreword. Before that I wish to introduce the other papers.