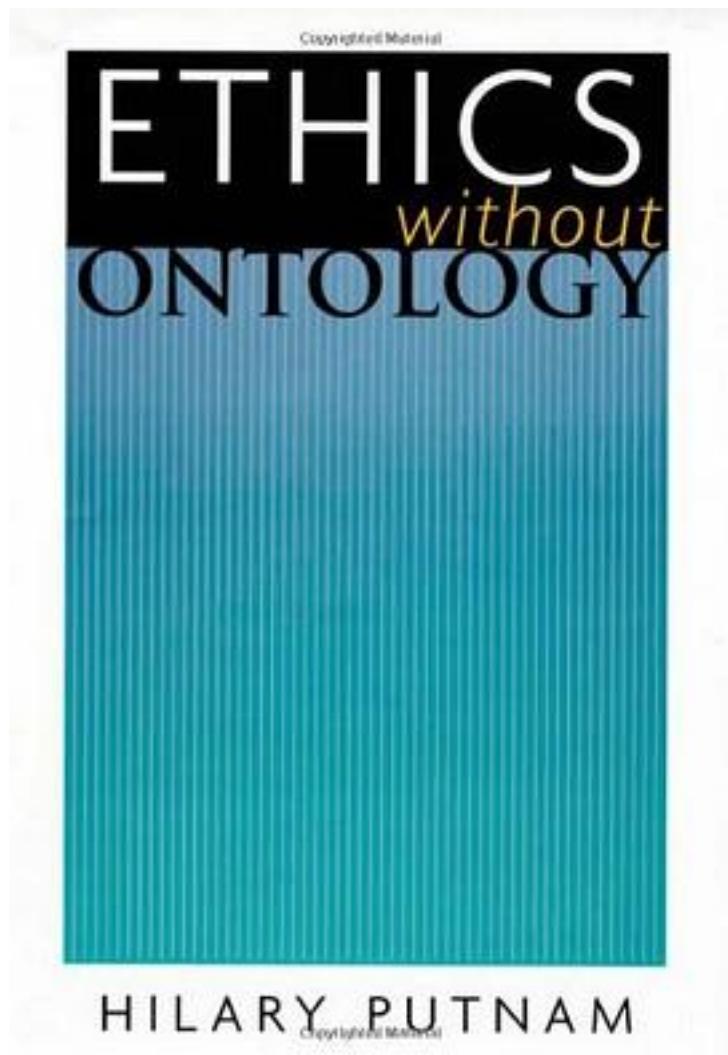


# Ethics without Ontology



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In this brief book one of the most distinguished living American philosophers takes up the question of whether ethical judgements can properly be considered objective - a question that has vexed philosophers over the past century. Looking at the efforts of philosophers from the Enlightenment through the twentieth century, Hilary Putnam traces the ways in which ethical problems arise in an historical context. Putnam's central concern is ontology - indeed, the very idea of ontology as the division of philosophy concerned with what (ultimately) exists. Reviewing what he deems the disastrous consequences of ontology's influence on analytic philosophy - in particular, the contortions it imposes upon debates about the objective of ethical judgements - Putnam proposes abandoning the very idea of ontology. He argues persuasively that the attempt to provide an ontological explanation of the objectivity of either mathematics or ethics is, in fact, an attempt to provide justifications that are extraneous to mathematics and ethics - and is thus deeply misguided.

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，当代美国著名哲学家、逻辑学家。新实用主义的主要代表人物，近三十年来英美哲学界最具影响力的哲学家之一，在哲学界享有极高的声誉。其研究兴趣广泛，在心灵哲学，语言哲学、科学哲学、逻辑学等诸多领域均有重大影响，被誉为“当代惟一具有‘综观全局’能力的哲学家”。普特南曾任教于普林斯顿大学、麻省理工学院及哈佛大学，现为哈佛大学荣誉Cogan学校教授。其代表作有《理性、真理与历史》、《词与生活》、《重建哲学》等。

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原来写的笔记丢了，书也不在身边，现在只好参考Eric Rovio写的书评重新写一遍了。  
<http://commons.pacificu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1265&context=eip>  
已经有几部以ethics without blah  
blah (god, principle等) 为题的作品，此书属于典型的文不对题型。书中和伦理学...

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A brief and simple introduction to Putnam's pragmatism. Simple for it is originally a series of 4 talks in a seminar, thus it is rid of complicated abstract arguments typical of gurus like Putnam. Putnam tries to portrait a kind of ethnics that is NOT base...

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