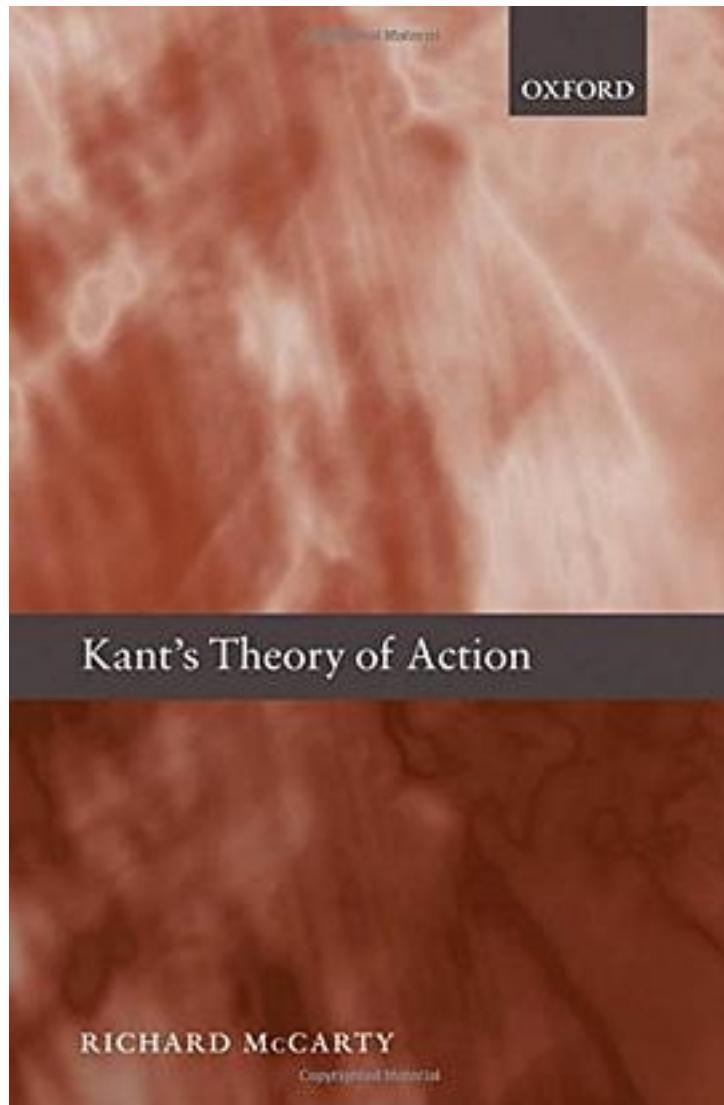


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The theory of action underlying Immanuel Kant's ethical theory is the subject of this book. What 'maxims' are, and how we act on maxims, are explained here in light of both the historical context of Kant's thought, and his classroom lectures on psychology and ethics. Arguing against the current of much recent scholarship, Richard McCarty makes a strong case for interpreting Kant as having embraced psychological determinism, a version of the 'belief-desire model' of human motivation, and a literal, 'two-worlds' metaphysics. On this interpretation, actions in the sensible world are always effects of prior psychological causes. Their explaining causal laws are the maxims of agents' characters. And agents act freely if, acting also in an intelligible world, what they do there results in their having the characters they have here, in the sensible world. McCarty additionally shows how this interpretation is fruitful for solving familiar problems perennially plaguing Kant's moral psychology.

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评论

核心处理对于一个行动的证成同时也可以是一个行动的解释（说明）。前四章核心处理康德理论中行动的动机源自何处（法则/准则，心理动机）进而延伸到有关康德表象/物自身的

理解，捍卫“两个世界”立场，反驳Allison以降“两种视角”的观点（可是我真的是阿利森的支持者啊）。全书结束于揭示死亡即是从表象过渡到本体界的分析（这货是要成圣啊）。谁看谁知道，真的。

没什么卵用

分析哲学规范化的一大好处是可以直接看结论章来判断这一观点值不值得看，当然有点武断。但该作者的观点真是震撼身心。强论两个世界就罢了，居然把死亡看作从经验的现象界进入本体界的途径。我严重怀疑牛津的编辑是想给贵盈康德学界来一发震撼身心的中子弹，才出了这本讲白日飞升的神棍书。

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