



The Looking-Glass Self: An Examination of Self-Awareness (Hardback)

By John V. Canfield

ABC-CLIO, United States, 1990. Hardback. Book Condition: New. New.. 236 x 163 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.John Canfield here presents a penetrating study of the self and self-consciousness from the point of view of contemporary analytic philosophy. Taking as his starting point Wittgenstein s views on the nature of the self, Canfield explains Wittgenstein s approach to philosophy and his way of looking at language. He also explores significant non-Wittgensteinian philosophical literature including the widespread debate over criteria of personal identity and basic assumptions about the I of such expressions as I think. The second half of the book examines how we fix or ascertain certain beliefs about ourselves--a problem not previously discussed by analytic philosophers. Canfield begins by examining traditional theories that take the self to be a fiction of some sort. He goes on to analyze our deep-seated existential belief in self--a belief that, he notes, can coexist with a theoretical denial of self s existence. A central chapter of the book attempts to delineate clearly Wittgenstein s view of the I as a grammatical fiction. In addressing the large literature on criteria of personal identity, Canfield argues that a central...



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