

# MERLEAU-PONTY AND DERRIDA: INTERTWINING EMBODIMENT AND ALTERITY

While There Have Been Many Essays devoted to comparing the work of Maurice Merleau-Ponty with that of Jacques Derrida, there has been no sustained book-length treatment of these two French philosophers. Additionally, many of the essays presuppose an oppositional relationship between them, and between phenomenology and deconstruction more generally. Jack Reynolds systematically explores their relationship by analyzing each philosopher in terms of two important and related issues - embodiment and alterity. Focusing on areas with which...



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## Reader's Opinions

Terrific introduction to these two thinkers. Some of my notes: Both Derrida and Merleau-Ponty attack metaphysics that propose a pure, ideal presence that is then corrupted by language and culture and whatever else. They reject the existence of this unattainable ideal place and the duality between the corrupted and the uncorrupted parts...

i need to read more derrida to accurately judge this work, though i have probably read enough merleau-ponty. i remain a convinced m-p phenomenologist however interesting is deconstruction. it is interesting.