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Julia Kristeva is beyond doubt one of the seminal thinkers of her generation. This volume covers the extraordinary breadth of her work, from linguistics and literature to psychoanalysis, religion, public health, maternity, ethics, and politics. Kristeva has extended semiotics through the notions of intertextuality, dialogism, and semanalysis. She both includes in semiotics the "speaking being" from psychoanalysis and brings the phenomenological idea of Being into the clinic. Her readings of Plato, Hegel, Heidegger, Sartre, and Arendt, among others, enrich the encounters in psychoanalysis and literature across a broad front. Her search for a new humanist vision both keeps a stake in Enlightenment thinkers and redraws the philosophical and psychoanalytic paths of what has come to be known as "negativity," opening up investigations that resonate with the crises humanity is facing in our times. The result is a profound critical analysis of the present whose overall effect is a realignment of the cultural vectors that make up our lives.

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