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Contributors to the volume include major Benjamin commentators, whose work has very much defined the reception of the essay, and leading philosophers, historians and aestheticians, whose approaches open up new areas of interest and relevance
