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Sommario/riassunto	In ""The Philosophy of Nature,"" Brian Ellis provides a clear and forthright general summation of, and introduction to, the new essentialist position. Although the theory that the laws of nature are immanent in things, rather than imposed on them from without, is an ancient one, much recent work has been done to revive interest in essentialism and ""The Philosophy of Nature"" is a distinctive contribution to this lively current debate. Brian Ellis exposes the philosophical and scientific credentials of the prevailing Humean

metaphysic as less than compelling and makes the case for new
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