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'Feminist Methodology' is an accessible demonstration of how feminist approaches to methodology engage with debate in Western philosophy to raise critical questions about knowledge production.
