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#### Review

Eugene Holland provides an extraordinarily lucid guide to central themes of Deleuze and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus*. The proliferation of novel concepts and thickets of unfamiliar terminology in this immensely rich but sometimes difficult book pose unique challenges to the reader. Following the advice of the authors, Holland charts a path through the book which makes key concepts accessible. Thanks to his clear explanations of key concepts and well chosen examples, access to Deleuze and Guattari's magnum opus will be so much easier. -- Paul Patton, Scientia Professor, The University of New South Wales, Australia

Eugene Holland's superb book is less a commentary on *A Thousand Plateaus* than a kind of cartography—a map that will allow readers to orient themselves in Deleuze and Guattari's most complex and wide-ranging work, and to start tracing their own paths through the complex terrains of the plateaus. Highly recommended. Daniel W. Smith, Associate Professor, Purdue University, USA

14 years from the publication of his *Deleuze and Guattari's Anti-Oedipus*, Eugene Holland releases his reading of the second volume of *Capitalism and Schizophrenia*. The virtues we have come to expect from his writing—which offer a richly informed and meticulous analysis of their subjects and forgo dazzling their readers in favor of giving them real and lucid insights and inspiration—once again emerge in this exceptional reading of Deleuze and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus*. By selecting and regrouping 14 of the plateaus on the basis of the problems they raise—epistemological, ontological, anthropological, ethical and political—his original approach shows clearly the extent to which "a book of political philosophy" is also able to contain the entire Deleuzo-Guattarian "theory" in all its breadth and articulations. By contextualizing ATP in terms of time, themes, indebtedness and the influence it exercised on texts that came after it, Holland's book will be of immense value to students and professionals alike, becoming an indispensable guide to those who dare cross the challenging plateaus of the second volume of *Capitalism and Schizophrenia*. -- Constantin V. Boundas, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Trent University, Ontario, Canada

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