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"*Nietzsche on Art and Life* is an eclectic collection of essays, but most contributors share a similar continuity assumption and the belief that Nietzsche's philosophy is best conceived as a unique and complex form of aestheticism. One overall result, exemplified by Gemes and Sykes' contribution, is a wealth of fresh perspectives on *Birth of Tragedy*, particularly on the well-worn questions regarding Nietzsche's intellectual debt to Schopenhauer and Wagner. But this book has broader scholarly significance." -- *Philosophy in Review*

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