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This book is a concise introduction to Gadamer's main work, *Truth and Method*. Gadamer describes the origin of historical consciousness in the development of the *Geisteswissenschaften* (humanities), and uses this as the foundation for a rough outline of his own hermeneutics. His historical reconstruction leads him from German romanticism to German idealism, in this case mainly Schleiermacher and Hegel, from Droysen and Dilthey to Heidegger. The logic of the argumentation is along the same lines as that in *Truth and Method*, but in this work the language is terser. This lecture, given shortly after the completion of *Truth and Method* and conceived as a way of presenting his new approach to a French public, can be seen as an introduction to Gadamer's thought and at the same time as a short version of his main work.

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