
RICHARD RORTY: GUIDE TO FURTHER READING

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Primary Works

- For a complete bibliography of Rorty's writings through 2005, see Eduardo Mendieta (ed.), *Take Care of Freedom and Truth Will Take Care of Itself: Interviews with Richard Rorty* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006), pp. 161-205. A version is maintained online as well at: http://www.stanford.edu/~mvr2j/rr/biblio_2007.html.

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Secondary Works

- The secondary literature on Rorty is massive. The annotated bibliography compiled by Richard Rumana in 2002, whose over 1200 entries are helpfully cross-referenced and indexed by subject, provides a good overview. See Richard Rumana (ed.), *Richard Rorty: An Annotated Bibliography of Secondary Literature* (New York: Rodopi, 2002).
- Some of the best work on Rorty has been collected in a four-volume reference edition that spans his career, with volumes dedicated to "Philosophy," "Post-Analytic Philosophy," "Politics, Irony and Solidarity," and "Culture, Interpretation and Conversations." See Alan Malachowski (ed.), *Richard Rorty: Sage Masters of Modern Thought*, 4 Vols. (London: Sage Publications, 2002).

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