

## REFERENCE AND TRUTH

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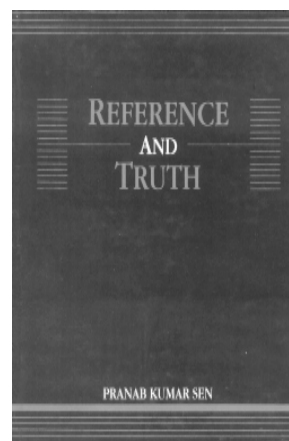
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Although the book is written with a view to advancing research in the chosen areas, it is written for anyone who is interested in understanding the workings of our language, and what is involved in knowing, reasoning, and being rational, and would serve as an introduction to many topics for the beginner.

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