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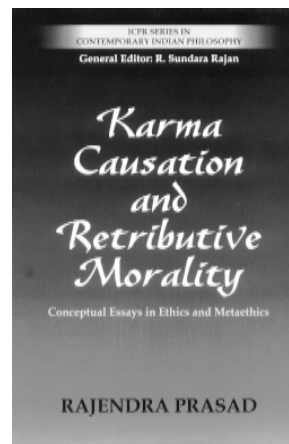
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This collection of essays provides a conceptual analysis of various aspects of moral philosophy. After giving his strikingly novel answer to the question 'Does metaethics have any ethical implication?' Professor Prasad gives his theory of moral language and moral logic, identifying the role of rationality in the moral life. His approach is non-cognitivist, yet neither emotivist nor prescriptivist. He presents an incisive critique of G.E. Moore and concludes that his naturalistic fallacy technique of refuting a theory is unusable.

Professor Prasad's analysis of certain foundational aspects of classical Indian ethics is bold and original. Finally, he discusses some normative issues showing that conceptual analysis is as relevant in their case as it is in the discussion of the logic of morals.

The book will be useful for teachers and students of philosophy and will interest the general readers as well.

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