



### Theory of Categories

A Key Instrument For Human Understanding

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**This is a book on how standard philosophical approach is mistaken in some ways and provides a revisionist approach to categories. It is must-read for people interested in understanding a pragmatic approach to categories and categorization.**

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