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This volume of *Hume Studies* is a special double-issue devoted to discussions of four recent books on Hume: *Hume: an Intellectual Biography*, by James Harris; *Imagined Causes: Hume's Conception of Objects*, by Stefanie Rocknak; *Hume's True Scepticism*, by Donald Ainslie; and *Reflecting Subjects: Passion, Sympathy, and Society in Hume's Philosophy*, by Jacqueline Taylor. The latter three discussions began as Author-Meets-Critics sessions at the 43rd International Hume Conference in Sydney, Australia, and the present volume keeps the AMC format: each discussion starts with a short précis of the book from the author, followed by comments from three respondents, and concludes with the author's reply. The selection of books under discussion offers, we hope, a good selection of scholarship on Hume over the last decade. Although the rich outpouring of recent scholarship means that no selection could cover everything, the volume aims to offer at least a sample of the variety of topics, approaches and styles now available. Many readers will already be acquainted with one or more of the books included in here; our hope is to provide fresh perspectives on familiar views, as well as prompting new discoveries among both established scholars and students.

The editors would like to express our thanks to all the authors included here, many of whom worked hard to turn informal remarks into written pieces, while others wrote comments especially for this volume. It is with great regret that we were unable to publish this volume in time to thank the late Barry Stroud personally. But we are very honored that one of the last pieces he worked on will appear here: his comments on Donald Ainslie's account of Humean scepticism. It seems a fitting coda for a great and generous scholar of Hume and scepticism that his last contribution to *Hume Studies* is a discussion of the work of a new generation. We would like to thank Sarah Stroud for her help in preparing Barry's

copy and approval to publish. We trust that he would be pleased with the results—and hope that you will find this volume a useful and agreeable companion to recent literature.

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