

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	xi
1 INTRODUCTION	
1. Particular properties	1
1.1 Theoretical background	3
1.2 Theoretical framework	5
1.3 The book	7
2 TROPES	
1. What is it to be a trope?	8
2. Simple	11
3. Particular	16
4. Abstract	21
3 METAPHYSICS	
1. Setting the general framework	25
2. The aim of investigation	26
2.1 Subject matter	26
2.2 Goal	29
3. The method of investigation	30
3.1 Whitehead on metaphysics	32
3.2 The method of discovery	33
4. Metaphysics and science	35
5. The success of investigation	36
4 TRUTH-MAKING	
1. Metaphysics and language	37
2. Making true	39
2.1 Entailment	41

3.	Truth bearers	42
4.	Logical Atomism	42
4.1	What is an atomic proposition?	44
4.2	Working out the atomistic hypothesis	46
5.	Truth-maker theory and tropes	53
5.1	Propositions ostensibly about things	54
5.2	Propositions ostensibly about universals	56

5 THE PROBLEM OF UNIVERSALISATION

1.	The problem of universalisation introduced	59
1.1	Two problems distinguished	59
1.2	What the problem is and what it is not	61
1.3	Constructing universality	65
2.	A first attempt: the unity is primitive	65
2.1	Stout and distributive unity	66
2.2	Some of Armstrong's arguments against class-nominalism disarmed	68
2.3	More serious problems for class-primitivism	74
2.4	Summary	77
3.	A second attempt: resemblance	78
3.1	Two presuppositions	78
3.2	Degrees of resemblance	80
3.3	Same but different	81
3.4	Is resemblance internal or external?	87
3.5	Ontologically characterising exact resemblance	94
3.6	A first alternative: exact resemblance as an underived relation	94
3.7	A second alternative: exact resemblance as a non- relational tie	104
3.8	A third alternative: exact resemblance as a pseudo-addition	109
3.9	Summary	115

6 THE PROBLEM OF THING-CONSTRUCTION

1.	The problem of thing-construction introduced	117
1.1	What is it to be a thing?	119
1.2	Constructing things	123
2.	The trope-substrate approach	123
3.	The trope-bundle approach	127

3.1	Compresence	127
3.2	Is compresence internal or external?	129
3.3	Ontologically characterising compresence	134
4.	Bradley and the relation regress	134
4.1	Avoiding relation regress	139
4.2	Route one: compresence is not a 'true' relation	140
4.3	Route two: the regress is not vicious	161
4.4	Route three: relations necessarily relate	163
5.	Are compresent bundles things?	167
5.1	Stability	168
6.	More to be said?	175

REFERENCES	181
-------------------	-----

If Tropes

Maurin, A.-S.

2002, XI, 188 p., Hardcover

ISBN: 978-1-4020-0656-2