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In *Phenomenology of Spirit* (1806) Hegel is often held to have announced the end of history, where “history” is to be understood as the long pursuit of ends towards which humanity had always been striving. In this, the first book in English to thoroughly critique this entrenched view, Eric Michael Dale argues that it is a misinterpretation. Dale offers a reading of his own, showing how it sits within the larger schema of Hegel’s thought and makes room for an understanding of the “end of history” as Hegel intended. Through an elegant analysis of Hegel’s philosophy of history, Dale guides the reader away from the common misinterpretation of the “end of history” to other valuable elements of Hegel’s arguments which are often overlooked and deserve to endure. His book will be of great interest to scholars and advanced students of Hegel, the philosophy of history, and the history of political thought.

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## Abbreviations

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Aristotle <i>An. Post.</i>	Aristotle, <i>Posterior Analytics</i>
Aristotle <i>An. Pr.</i>	Aristotle, <i>Prior Analytics</i>
Aristotle <i>Meta.</i>	Aristotle, <i>Metaphysics</i>
Aristotle <i>Nic. Eth.</i>	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
Aristotle <i>Phys.</i>	Aristotle, <i>Physics</i>
DK	<i>Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker</i>
Engels <i>MEC</i>	Engels, <i>Marx and Engels: Correspondence</i>
Engels <i>MECW</i>	<i>Marx and Engels: Collected Works</i>
Engels <i>MEW</i>	Marx and Engels, <i>Werke im 42 Bände</i>
Engels <i>MEWER</i>	Marx and Engels, <i>Werke im 42 Bände, Ergänzungsbänden</i>
Fichte <i>SW</i>	Fichte, <i>Sämtliche Werke</i>
Hegel <i>EL</i>	Hegel, <i>Encyclopedia Logic</i>
Hegel <i>GW</i>	Hegel, <i>Gesammelte Werke</i>
Hegel <i>Letters</i>	<i>Hegel: The Letters</i>
Hegel <i>VPR</i>	Hegel, <i>Vorlesungen über die Philosophie der Religion</i>
Hegel <i>VPW</i>	Hegel, <i>Vorlesungen über die Philosophie der Weltgeschichte: Band I</i>
Hegel <i>Werke</i>	Hegel, <i>Werke im Zwanzig Bänden</i>
Heidegger <i>GA</i>	Heidegger, <i>Gesamtausgabe</i>
Heidegger <i>SZ</i>	Heidegger, <i>Sein und Zeit</i>
Herder <i>SW</i>	Herder, <i>Sämtliche Werke im 33 Bände</i>
Hölderlin <i>GSA</i>	<i>Hölderlins Sämtliche Werke. Große Stuttgarter Ausgabe</i>
Hölderlin <i>KSA</i>	Hölderlin, <i>Sämtliche Werke. Kleiner Stuttgarter Ausgabe</i>
Kant <i>GS</i>	Kant, <i>Gesammelte Schriften</i>
Kant <i>KrV</i>	Kant, <i>Kritik der reinen Vernunft</i>
Kierkegaard <i>Pap.</i>	<i>Søren Kierkegaards Papirer</i>
Nietzsche <i>KGB</i>	Nietzsche, <i>Kritische Gesamtausgabe: Briefe</i>
Nietzsche <i>KGW</i>	Nietzsche, <i>Kritische Gesamtausgabe: Werke</i>
Nietzsche <i>KSA</i>	Nietzsche, <i>Kritische Studienausgabe</i>
Nietzsche <i>SB</i>	Nietzsche, <i>Sämtliche Briefe: Kritische Studienausgabe</i>
Nietzsche <i>SW</i>	Nietzsche, <i>Sämtliche Werke: Kritische Studienausgabe</i>
Rousseau <i>CG</i>	<i>Correspondance générale de J.-J. Rousseau</i>

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Rousseau <i>ÆC</i>	Rousseau, <i>Œuvres complètes</i>
Schelling <i>SW</i>	Schelling, <i>Sämtliche Werke</i>
Schopenhauer <i>SW</i>	Schopenhauer, <i>Sämtliche Werke</i>
Voltaire <i>ÆI</i>	Voltaire, <i>Œuvres inédites</i>