



Philosophy of Arithmetic

By Edmund Husserl

Springer Sep 2003, 2003. Taschenbuch. Book Condition: Neu. 240x160x31 mm. Neuware - In his first book, Philosophy of Arithmetic, Edmund Husserl provides a carefully worked out account of number as a categorial or formal feature of the objective world, and of arithmetic as a symbolic technique for mastering the infinite field of numbers for knowledge. It is a realist account of numbers and number relations that interweaves them into the basic structure of the universe and into our knowledge of reality. It provides an answer to the question of how arithmetic applies to reality, and gives an account of how, in general, formalized systems of symbols work in providing access to the world. The 'appendices' to this book provide some of Husserl's subsequent discussions of how formalisms work, involving David Hilbert's program of completeness for arithmetic. 'Completeness' is integrated into Husserl's own problematic of the 'imaginary', and allows him to move beyond the analysis of 'representations' in his understanding of the logic of mathematics. Husserl's work here provides an alternative model of what 'conceptual analysis' should be - minus the 'linguistic turn', but inclusive of language and linguistic meaning. In the process, he provides case after case of 'Phenomenological Analysis'...



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