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Dear Ms. Hall:

Here is a comment on Eugene Goodheart's book The Reign of Ideology:

"Eugene Goodheart has an unerring and skeptical eye for the latest trends in critical theory, which he writes about in lucid prose, completely free of cant or received wisdom. In The Reign of Ideology he powerfully exposes the limitations of the kind of politicized criticism--the hermeneutics of suspicion--that has dominated recent academic approaches to literature, from Marxism and deconstruction to post-colonial criticism and cultural studies. This is a bracing, provocative, and much-needed book."

--Morris Dickstein,

I hope you find this useful. Please clear it with me if you wish to abridge this comment in any way.

Sincerely yours,

Morris Dickstein

P.S. If you need to identify me you can do so as the author of Double Agent: The Critic and Society.