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About the book:

Touch is important. As we have learned all too well during the recent period of pandemic-induced 'social distancing', people need to touch and be touched. But what is the phenomenon we call 'touch' in all its depth of meaning?

Touch is not simply physical and instrumental; it is closely associated with human intimacy. This fact gives rise to a number of questions. In what ways does touch nurture intimacy? Is true intimacy impossible without touch, or can they be decoupled in ways which allow intimacy to thrive despite physical distance?

This volume explores the meaning of the phenomenon of touch, and its associated relations of intimacy and distance, for the existential situation of human beings.