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Alan R(ichard) White**1922-1992****Nationality:** Canadian

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Obituary Notice:

--Born October 9, 1922, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; died February 23, 1992.

Philosopher, educator, and author. A practitioner of the philosophy of linguistic analysis, White began his teaching career at England's University of Hull in 1946 and served as Ferens Professor of Philosophy from 1961 until his retirement in 1985. He was a frequent contributor to journals and wrote several books, including *G. E. Moore: A Critical Exposition*, *The Philosophy of Mind*, and *Truth*.

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