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Hoyningen-Huene, Paul. **Reconstructing scientific revolutions: Thomas S. Kuhn's philosophy of science**, tr. by Alexander T. Levine. Chicago, 1993. 310p bibl index afp ISBN 0-226-35550-0, \$40.00; ISBN 0-226-35551-9 pbk, \$15.95

A definitive interpretation of the work of Kuhn, who is undoubtedly this century's most influential writer on the history and philosophy of science. It is warmly recommended in the foreword by Kuhn himself, who remarks that Hoyningen-Huene came to know his work better than, and to understand it nearly as well as, Kuhn himself. The focus is on understanding Kuhn's ideas, not on criticism. This is the book for all those who really want to know what the so often mentioned concepts of scientific revolutions, paradigms, normal science, and incommensurability are all about. As it is a careful philosophical study for scholars, however, it would not serve well as an introduction to Kuhn for those not already acquainted with his work. The translation from German is smooth, though the numerous footnotes make it rather heavy reading. The bibliography gives a complete list of Kuhn's works and an extensive selection from the vast secondary literature. Graduate; faculty; professional.—*H. C. Byerly, University of Arizona*