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*As X-rays are to the surgeon,
graphs are for causation.*
The author

In this chapter, I reflect back on the material covered in Chapters 1 to 10, discuss issues that require further elaboration, introduce new results obtained in the past eight years, and answer questions of general interest posed to me by readers of the first edition. These range from clarification of specific passages in the text, to conceptual and philosophical issues concerning the controversial status of causation, how it is taught in classrooms and how it is treated in textbooks and research articles.

The discussions follow roughly the order in which these issues are presented in the book, with section numbers indicating the corresponding chapters.