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*For my wife
Cyndi*

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Preface

Since I began this study almost two years ago, I have had the pleasure of speaking to a large number of fellow economists from around the globe about the substance of Heilbroner's work. At every conference and academic meeting it is interesting to note that the first comment I receive is always some expression of admiration of Heilbroner's writing style; how much each had 'enjoyed' his books. Rarely do they begin by agreeing or disagreeing with the content of his economics.

I hope in some small way this volume can contribute to an appreciation of Heilbroner's work as a whole. There is a serious message in his carefully crafted words. His thirty-plus books and hundreds of articles offer a social analysis unlike that of any modern economist. His approach is holistic, sociopolitical and always penetrating. It clearly deserves to be understood.

While I cannot thank all who have helped me with this work, I must, however, single out the efforts of my brother Mark R. Carroll for his careful reading of the many revisions of this manuscript. His help and inspiration have led to so many improvements of this volume. Any misconceptions or overt mistakes in this work are of course my own and not his.

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