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Pedagogy in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity

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There is little direct evidence for formal education in the Bible and in the texts of Second Temple Judaism and early Christianity. At the same time, pedagogy and character formation are important themes in many of these texts. This book explores the pedagogical purpose of wisdom literature, in which the concept of discipline (Hebrew *musar*) is closely tied to the acquisition of wisdom. It examines how and why the concept of *musar* came to be translated as *paideia* (education, enculturation) in the Septuagint. The different understandings of paideia in wisdom and apocalyptic writings of Second Temple Judaism are this book's primary focus. It also examines how early Christians adapted the concept of paidei, influenced by both the Septuagint and Greco-Roman understandings of this concept.Contributors include Ellen Bradshaw Aitken†, C. Andrew Ballard, D. Jeffrey Bingham, John J. Collins, Raffaella Cribiore, Robert Doran, Matthew Goff, Andrew R. Guffey, Karina Martin Hogan, James L. Kugel, Patrick Pouchelle, Elisa Uusimäki, and Jason M. Zurawski.

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- Exploration of the relationship of wisdom and Torah in Second Temple Judaism
- Examination of how Christians developed new forms of pedagogy in competition with Jewish and pagan systems of education

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