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DeClaisse-Walford, Jacobson, and Tanner offer a succinct introduction to the Psalter, a new translation of all the psalms that takes special account of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and individual entries on each psalm unit. Throughout the book they draw on state-of-the-art research on the canonical shape and shaping of the Psalter and evidence a nuanced attention to the poetic nature of the psalms.

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Vanjr says

A commentary on Psalms that gave me a new appreciation for this book while also helped me understand aspects of ancient Hebrew poetry. Five stores not because I agree with it, but helpful for sure. Very different than CS Lewis book on Psalms and Spurgeon's three volumes.

Tony says

A more extensive review to follow. In summary, this is an excellent work by three very gifted scholars. There is a wealth of insight into the text, theological reflection, and pastoral application. The authors are sensitive to canonical context and draw attention to connections throughout the Psalter. This commentary is challenging and enriching. My only substantial complaint is that it is at times much too brief—which is probably the result of limitations imposed by the publisher.

Highly recommended.

Chris Ehrhart says

I wanted to like this more than I did. It's theology is fine as far as I could tell, but I didn't like the appropriation of "she" for writers of the Psalms. I understand why, that the authors are generally unknowable by the prescription given in the text, but given the society, Psalms would not likely have been drafted by women. Not a deal breaker, and certainly not liberal or feminist. Much commentary was a bit shorter than I would expect. I recommend Goldingay over this any day.