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Ethan says

The defining resource for Old Testament pseudepigrapha.

The first volume contains apocalypses and testaments, featuring prominent works like 1 Enoch and the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs as well as lesser known texts.

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The only challenge is the uneven nature of the work since it is collaborative: some texts are full of explanatory notes, others have very few indeed.

Nevertheless, if you have any interest in pseudepigraphal literature, this is a must have and must read resource.

Theron says

Phew! That was a big collection! Wonderful, exciting (not all the times) stuff. I will re-read this often, I imagine to better understand the milieu of the New Testament.

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This is a reference book with a collection of mostly Jewish literature from about 300BC to 100AD. It is important literature in that it helps us understand Christianity in the greater context of Judaism from this time period. Many post-apostolic writers and Patristic writers were informed by and influenced by this literature. For me this literature makes Christianity seem much more main stream Jewish in its thinking. Judaism of this time period is a river made up of many streams of thought, of which Christianity is one. Christianity is however much closer to core Judaism than to fringe Judaism.
