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Bodies on the Verge Queering Pauline Epistles

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A collection that resets the terms of interpreting the Pauline letters

Interpretation of Paul's letters often proves troubling, since people frequently cite them when debating controversial matters of gender and sexuality. Rather than focusing on the more common defensive responses to those expected prooftexts that supposedly address homosexuality, the essays in this collection reflect the range, rigor, vitality, and creativity of other interpretive options influenced by queer studies. Thus key concepts and practices for understanding these letters in terms of history, theology, empire, gender, race, and ethnicity, among others, are rethought through queer interventions within both ancient settings and more recent history and literature.

Features:

- New options for how to interpret and use Paul's letters, particularly in light of their use in debates about sexuality and gender
- Developing approaches in queer studies that help with understanding and using Pauline letters and interpretations differently
- Key reflections on the two "clobber passages" (Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor 6:9) that demonstrate the relevance of a far wider range of texts throughout the Pauline corpus

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