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This volume celebrates and reflects upon sociorhetorical interpretation of the New Testament as developed by Vernon K. Robbins in *The Tapestry of Early Christian Discourse* (Routledge) and *Exploring the Texture of Texts* (Continuum), both published in 1996. Scholars from around the world take sociorhetorical interpretation into new arenas to approach issues arising from their own contexts, including the environment, gender, and economics. Part 1 focuses on the development and emergence of sociorhetorical interpretation. Part 2 presents particular applications of sociorhetorical interpretation in Australia and Oceania. Part 3 includes essays using sociorhetorical interpretation in Africa and Asia. The essays in this book point to the richness and ever-expanding possibilities for sociorhetorical commentary and the learning that enriches all of us.

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