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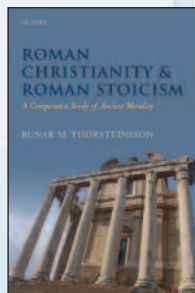
Runar M. Thorsteinnsson, Lund University and the University of Copenhagen

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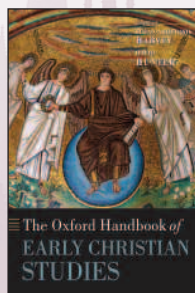
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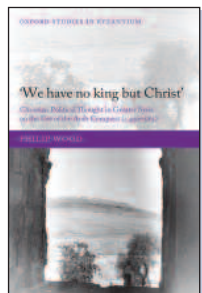
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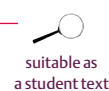
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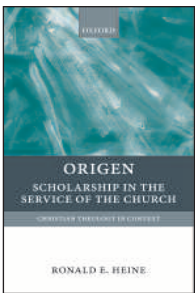
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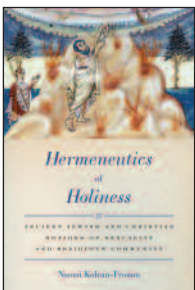
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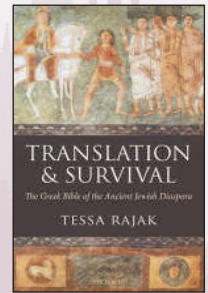
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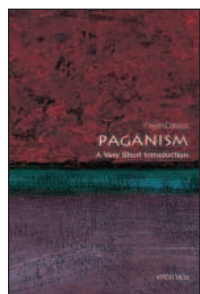


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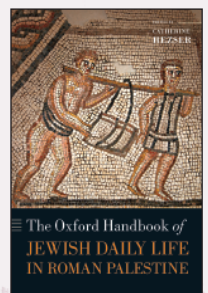
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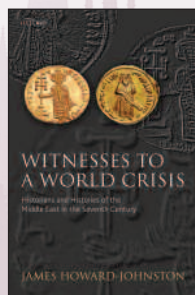
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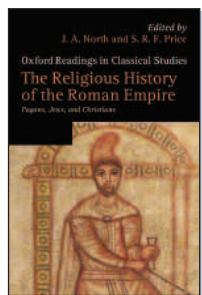
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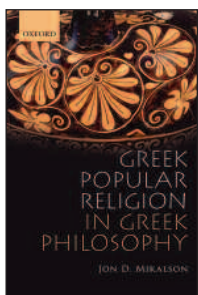
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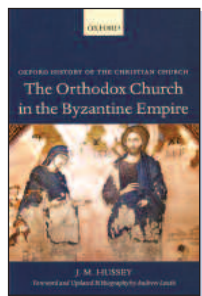
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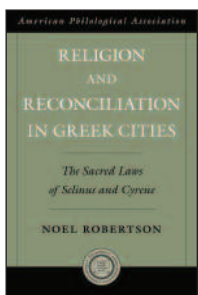
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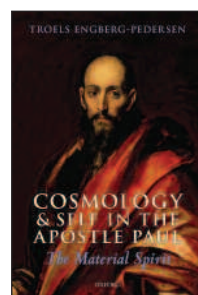
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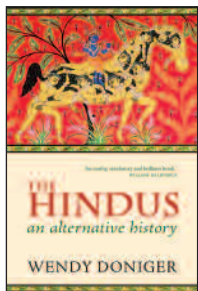
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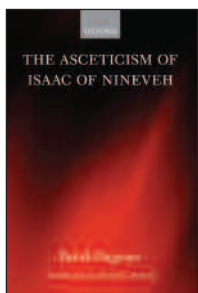
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Warren T. Woodfin, City University of New York, and University of Zürich, Switzerland

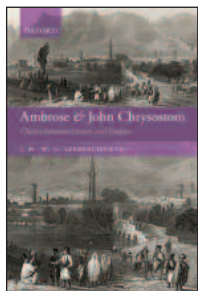
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