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How does Luke's portrait of the outsider help in exploring the theology and historiography of Acts? Previous studies of the author and his work have concentrated on the speeches given by insiders – members of the early Christian church – but until now the speeches of the outsiders have been marginalised by scholars in the field. Oswaldo Padilla takes a highly original approach by concentrating on the direct speech of such figures, arguing that the portrayal of outsiders to a religious movement should not be neglected when considering the author's viewpoint. By exploring the place of outsiders in Old Testament and Second Temple literature, then offering comparisons with the depictions found in Acts, Padilla provides a fresh, insightful take on the subject that will prove invaluable to scholars and students of biblical and early Christian studies.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AB	Anchor Bible
<i>AcOr</i>	<i>Acta orientalia</i>
AGJU	Arbeiten zur Geschichte des antiken Judentums und des Urchristentums
AnBib	Analecta biblica
<i>ANRW</i>	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt: Geschichte und Kultur Roms im Spiegel der neueren Forschung</i> , ed. H. Temporini and W. Haase. Berlin, 1972–
ANTC	Abingdon New Testament Commentary
<i>APOT</i>	<i>The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha of the Old Testament</i> , ed. R. H. Charles. 2 vols. Oxford, 1913
<i>BAFCS</i>	<i>The Book of Acts in its First Century Setting</i>
<i>BAR</i>	<i>Biblical Archaeological Review</i>
BETL	Bibliotheca ephemeridum theologiarum lovaniensium
BGBE	Beiträge zur Geschichte der biblischen Exegese
<i>Bib</i>	<i>Biblica</i>
BZNW	Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
CBQMS	Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series
<i>CBR</i>	<i>Currents in Biblical Research</i>
<i>CP</i>	<i>Classical Philology</i>
GBS	Guides to Biblical Scholarship
GNS	Good News Studies
HDR	Harvard Dissertations in Religion
HKAT	Handkommentar zum Alten Testament
HTKNT	Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
ICC	International Critical Commentary

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<i>Int</i>	<i>Interpretation</i>
JAL	Jewish Apocryphal Literature Series
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JHS</i>	<i>Journal of Hellenic Studies</i>
<i>JRA</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Archaeology</i>
<i>JRS</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
JSJSup	Supplements for the Journal for the Study of Judaism
<i>JSNT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the New Testament</i>
JSNTSup	Journal for the Study of the New Testament, Supplement Series
<i>JSOT</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the Old Testament</i>
JSOTSup	Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, Supplement Series
<i>JSP</i>	<i>Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha</i>
JSPSup	Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha, Supplement Series
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal for Theological Studies</i>
KEKNT	Kritisch-exegetischer Kommentar über das Neue Testament
LEC	Library of Early Christianity
LSJ	Liddell, H. G., R. Scott, and H. S. Jones, <i>A Greek– English Lexicon</i> . 9th edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.
NICNT	New International Commentary on the New Testament
<i>NovT</i>	<i>Novum Testamentum</i>
<i>NTS</i>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>
NTTS	New Testament Tools and Studies
OTL	Old Testament Library
<i>OTP</i>	<i>Old Testament Pseudepigrapha</i> , ed. J. H. Charlesworth, 2 vols. New York, 1983
PW	Pauly, A. F. <i>Paulys Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i> . New edition G. Wissowa. 49 vols. Munich, 1980
PWSup	Supplement to PW
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue biblique</i>
<i>RivB</i>	<i>Rivista biblica italiana</i>
<i>SacPag</i>	<i>Sacra Pagina</i>
SBLBSNA	Society of Biblical Literature Biblical Scholarship in North America
SBLDS	Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series

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SBLEJL	Society of Biblical Literature Early Judaism and its Literature
SBLMS	Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
SBLSBS	Society of Biblical Literature Sources for Biblical Study
SBLSCS	Society of Biblical Literature Septuagint and Cognate Studies
SBLTT	Society of Biblical Literature Texts and Translations
SBS	Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
SJLA	Studies in Judaism in Late Antiquity
SNTSMS	Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
SSN	Studia semitica neerlandica
SUNT	Studien zur Umwelt des Neuen Testaments
<i>SwJT</i>	<i>Southwestern Journal of Theology</i>
TNTC	Tyndale New Testament Commentary
<i>TQ</i>	<i>Theologische Quartalschrift</i>
TSAJ	Texte und Studien zum antiken Judentum
<i>TynBul</i>	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
<i>VT</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
WBC	Word Biblical Commentary
WMANT	Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament
<i>ZNW</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche</i>