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This is the first book in English to integrate detailed literary criticism of the exorcism stories in Luke–Acts with wide-ranging comparative study of ancient sources on demonology, spirit affliction and exorcistic healing. Methods from systemic functional linguistics and critical theory are explained and then applied to each story. Careful focus is placed on each narrative's linguistic functions and also on relevant aspects of its literary co-text and the wider context of culture. Implications of the analysis for the new perspective on Luke–Acts, especially the implied author's relationship with Judaism, are explored in relation to the Lucan stories' original context of reception. Largely neglected interfaces between Luke's narrative representation of exorcism and emerging academic discourse about religious experience, shamanism, health care in antiquity, ritual performance and ancient Jewish systems of impurity are probed in ways that shed fresh light on this supremely alien part of the Lucan writings.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations for biblical writings are those customarily used in the Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series. Apart from the items listed below, other abbreviations follow the recommendations for contributors to the *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

ACNT	Augsburg Commentary on the New Testament
AEMT	J. F. Borghouts (ed.), <i>Ancient Egyptian Magical Texts</i>
AMB	J. Naveh and S. Shaked (eds), <i>Amulets and Magic Bowls: Aramaic Incantations of Late Antiquity</i> , vol. I
ANESTP	J. B. Pritchard (ed.), <i>Ancient Near Eastern Supplementary Texts and Pictures</i>
CAIB	C. D. Isbell (ed.), <i>Corpus of the Aramaic Incantation Bowls</i>
CTBS	J. G. Gager (ed.), <i>Curse Tablets and Binding Spells from the Ancient World</i>
DDD	K. van der Torn, B. Becking and P. W. van der Horst (eds), <i>Dictionary of Deities and Demons in the Bible</i>
DESB	R. C. Thompson (ed.), <i>The Devils and Evil Spirits of Babylonia</i>
DS	K. Wales (ed.), <i>A Dictionary of Stylistics</i>
DSD	<i>Dead Sea Discoveries</i>
DT	A. Audollent (ed.), <i>Defixionum Tabellae</i>
EpR	<i>Epworth Review</i>
ExAud	<i>Ex Auditu: An International Journal of Theological Interpretation of Scripture</i>
FTS	Frankfurter Theologische Studien
FUH	M. J. Geller (ed.), <i>Forerunners to Udu-gul: Sumerian Exorcistic Incantations</i>
GMPT	H. D. Betz (ed.), <i>The Greek Magical Papyri in Translation Including the Demotic Spells</i>
JSPSup	Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha Supplement Series
KTU	M. Dietrich, O. Loretz and J. Sanmartin (eds), <i>Keilalphabetischen Texte aus Ugarit</i> , vol. I
L.A.B.	<i>Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum (Pseudo-Philo)</i>
LumVie	<i>Lumière et Vie</i>

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<i>NERTOT</i>	W. Beyerlin (ed.), <i>Near Eastern Religious Texts Relating to the Old Testament</i>
<i>NIDNTT</i>	C. Brown (ed.), <i>The New International Dictionary of New Testament Theology</i>
<i>PLu</i>	<i>Positions Luthériennes</i>
<i>SNTU</i>	Studien zum Neuen Testament und seiner Umwelt
<i>TLG</i>	<i>Thesaurus Linguae Graecae</i>
<i>TNTC</i>	Tyndale New Testament Commentaries
<i>TPINTC</i>	Trinity Press International New Testament Commentary Series
<i>T. Sol.</i>	<i>Testament of Solomon</i>
<i>Y.</i>	<i>Yasna</i>