It is widely accepted by New Testament scholars that the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles probably originated as two parts of one work by a single author. In spite of this, the books have been assigned to very different genres: Luke is traditionally viewed as a biography of Jesus, and Acts as a history of the early church. Comparing in detail the structure and content of Acts with the formal features of history, novel, epic and biography, Sean Adams challenges this division. Applying both ancient and modern genre theory, he argues that the best genre parallel for the Acts of the Apostles is, in fact, collected biography. Offering a nuanced and sophisticated understanding of genre theory, along with an insightful argument regarding the composition and purpose of Acts, this book will be of interest to those studying the New Testament, Acts, genre theory and ancient literature.

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ABBREVIATIONS


APA American Philological Association
APAM American Philological Association Monograph
CCSA Corpus Christianorum: Series Apocryphorum
CHSC Center for Hellenic Studies Colloquia
CL Collection Latomus
CLL Classical Life and Letters
CR Classical Review
ECF The Early Church Fathers
GAP Guides to Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha
HE Historia-Einzelschriften
IBT Interpreting Biblical Texts
ICS Illinois Classical Studies
JBS Jerusalem Biblical Studies
JGRChJ Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism
JHS Journal of Hebrew Scriptures
JSPL Journal for the Study of Paul and his Letters
LSCP London Studies in Classical Philology
MS Mnemosyne Supplement
OTM Oxford Theological Monographs
PA Philosophia Antiqua
PBM Paternoster Biblical Monographs
PP La Parola del Passato
PPFBRHUJ Publications of the Perry Foundation for Biblical Research, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
SAAA Studies on the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles
SAM Studies in Ancient Medicine
SH Studia Hellenistica

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