

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY IN LATE ANTIQUE EGYPTIAN MONASTICISM

This is the first book-length study of children in one of the birthplaces of early Christian monasticism, Egypt. Although comprised of men and women who had renounced sex and family, the monasteries of late antiquity raised children, educated them, and expected them to carry on their monastic lineage and legacies into the future. Children within monasteries existed in a liminal space, simultaneously vulnerable to the whims and abuses of adults and cherished as potential future monastic prodigies. Caroline T. Schroeder examines diverse sources – letters, rules, saints' lives, art, and documentary evidence – to probe these paradoxes. In doing so, she demonstrates how early Egyptian monasteries provided an intergenerational continuity of social, cultural, and economic capital while also contesting the traditional family's claims to these forms of social continuity.

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|-----------------|--|
| <i>AJR</i>      | <i>Ancient Jew Review</i>  |
| <i>AP</i>       | <i>Apophthegmata Patrum</i>  |
| <i>AP Anon.</i> | <i>Apophthegmata Patrum, Anonymous Collection</i>  |
| <i>AP Syst.</i> | <i>Apophthegmata Patrum, Systematic Collection</i>   |
| <i>A22</i>      | <i>Acephalous Work 22 (by Shenoute)</i>  |
| <i>BMCR</i>     | <i>Bryn Mawr Classical Review</i>  |
| <i>BSAC</i>     | <i>Bulletin de la Société d'archéologie copte</i>  |
| <i>BZ</i>       | <i>Byzantinische Zeitschrift</i>   |
| <i>CCSL</i>     | <i>Corpus Christianorum Series Latina</i>  |
| <i>CSCO</i>     | <i>Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium</i>   |
| <i>CSEL</i>     | <i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>  |
| <i>DOP</i>      | <i>Dumbarton Oaks Papers</i>   |
| <i>J ECS</i>    | <i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>  |
| <i>JJP</i>      | <i>Journal of Juristic Papyrology</i>  |
| <i>Mus</i>      | <i>Muséon: Revue d'études orientales</i>   |
| <i>NPNF</i>     | <i>A Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church</i> . Edited by Philip Schaff and Henry Wace. 28 vols. in 2 series. 1886–89. |
| <i>OLA</i>      | <i>Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta</i>   |
| <i>PG</i>       | <i>Patrologia Graeca</i>   |
| <i>PL</i>       | <i>Patrologia Latina</i>   |
| <i>PO</i>       | <i>Patrologia Orientalis</i>   |
| <i>SAC</i>      | <i>Studies in Antiquity and Christianity</i>   |
| <i>SC</i>       | <i>Scriptores Coptici</i>  |

*List of Abbreviations*

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|--------------------------------|--|
| <i>Vit. Patr.</i>              | <i>Vitae Patrum</i>                                      |
| <i>V. Pach. Bo</i>             | Bohairic <i>Life of Pachomius</i>                        |
| <i>V. Pach. G<sup>1</sup></i>  | First Greek <i>Life of Pachomius</i>                     |
| <i>V. Pach. S<sup>10</sup></i> | Tenth Sahidic <i>Life of Pachomius</i>                   |
| <i>WZKM</i>                    | <i>Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes</i> |

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