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Saint Thecla was one of the most prominent figures of early Christianity who provided a model of virginity and a role model for women in the early Church. She was the object of cult and of pilgrimage and her tale in the *Acts of Paul and Thecla* made a tremendous impact on later hagiographies of both female and male saints. This volume explores this impact on medieval hagiographical texts composed in Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopic, Greek, Irish, Latin, Persian, and Syriac. It investigates how they evoked and/or invoked Thecla and her tale in constructing the lives and story worlds of their chosen saints and offers detailed original readings of the lives of various heroines and heroes. The book adds further depth and nuance to our understanding of Thecla's popularity and the spread of her legend and cult.

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Abbreviations

Arm.	Armenian
BHG	François Halkin, ed. <i>Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca</i> . Subsidia hagiographica 8a. Brussels, 1957; François Halkin, ed. <i>Novum Auctarium Bibliothecae Hagiographicae Graecae</i> . Subsidia hagiographica 65. Brussels: Société des Bollandistes, 1984.
BHL	<i>Bibliotheca Hagiographica Latina</i> . 3 vols. Brussels: Société des Bollandistes, 1898–1911; Henryk Fros, ed. <i>Bibliotheca hagiographica latina antiquae et mediae aetatis. Novum supplementum</i> . Brussels: Société des Bollandistes, 1896.
BHO	Paul Peeters, ed. <i>Bibliotheca Hagiographica Orientalis</i> . Subsidia hagiographica 10. Brussels: Société des Bollandistes, 1910.
CANT	Maurice Geerard, ed. <i>Clavis Apocryphorum Novi Testamenti</i> . Turnhout: Brepols, 1992.
CPG	Maurice Geerard and J. Noret, eds. <i>Clavis Patrum Graecorum</i> . 5 vols. Turnhout: Brepols, 1974–1987, 1998, 2003.
CPL	Eligius Dekkers, ed. <i>Clavis Patrum Latinorum</i> . 3rd ed. Turnhout: Brepols, 1995.
CSCO	Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium
Gk.	Greek
PG	Jacques Paul Migne, ed. <i>Patrologia Graeca</i> . 161 vols. Paris: Garnier Fratres, 1857–1886.
PL	Jacques Paul Migne, ed. <i>Patrologia Latina</i> . 221 vols. Paris: Garnier Fratres, 1844–1864.
Syr.	Syriac
WUNT	Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament

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