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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

In the past, the Genesis creation account was seen as a credible source for understanding the beginning of the world. Today, however, the meaning and validity of the text has undergone many challenges, as our scientific knowledge has advanced. We wrote *From Evolution to Eden: Making Sense of Early Genesis* in order to contribute fresh perspectives to the interpretation of Genesis 1-3, without losing sight of our evolutionary history. What kind of text is Genesis 1-3 and how is it to be read? Discussions of this nature are often heavy handed and unproductive. In our book, we wanted to play off the idea that stories are powerful tools that we use to interpret and understand God and the world. It is from this storytelling perspective that the early chapters of Genesis will find a home and a place from which they can still speak today. Our hope is that readers will benefit from this book and come away with a clearer perspective of how to better interpret the Genesis stories and the world, with integrity and humility.

From the Back Cover

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