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When Rosenberg first came to the Hebrew Bible, he did so convinced that he could interpret it within modern academic theory. Very quickly, he encountered voices so vibrant that they swept away such theoretical pretensions and set him on the daunting lifetime task of translating these voices into authentic vernacular English. The culmination of more than 30 years of labor, this impressive volume combines portions of 18 biblical books—from Genesis through Ezra—restoring to each passage the irresistible creativity and individuality of its now-forgotten author. Whether in the tautly engaging prose narrative of Exodus and Samuel or the strikingly direct poetic imagery of Isaiah and Job, readers feel an insistent human presence defying the barriers of time and culture. Though diverse in tone and mood, these translations deliver the force of minds for whom faith lives as something more than dry orthodoxy. Beyond the brilliant translations, the supplementary commentaries will reward readers disappointed by typical treatments of a dynamic ancient culture. A truly fresh reading of seminal scriptural texts. --Bryce Christensen

Review

"Audacity and originality...replacing the doubtful miracle of divine inspiration with the genuine miracle of poetic inspiration." --THE NEW REPUBLIC

"David Rosenberg treats the Bible as a literary work rich with fissures and mysteries. Rather than insist on tidiness, as the conservative translators appear to, he delights in the work's innate messiness." --POETRY

"With more courage than most poets now could even imagine, Rosenberg's translations from the Hebrew Scriptures are the best in a century, without a doubt." --THE NATION

Praise for David Rosenberg

"Part of Rosenberg's task was to produce a style of translation that might fairly represent a rocky magnificence . . . as if it belonged to a distinct individual . . . and on his own terms Rosenberg makes it work. Yet he expressly does not want his characters to speak a plain, familiar modern English like, for instance, that of the New English Bible . . . He is looking for modern readings, free of the muddles introduced into the understanding of these works by academics and religious commentators of all descriptions, and recognizable as living speech. He must somehow be modern as well as faithful to the past, reproducing where necessary the ancient, strange, "uncanny" vigor of J, the primary author . . . and to bear in mind 'American poetry's struggle with natural speech.' On the whole it succeeds, and Rosenberg emerges with honor from his long wrestling match with an opponent who goes by the name of J."

—Frank Kermode, *New York Times Book Review* (Jan. 3, 2010)

"Rosenberg's new translation is as provocative and personal as ever . . . deeply poetic."

—*Library Journal* (starred review)

"A truly fresh reading of seminal scriptural texts."

—*Booklist*

Praise for *The Book of J*

"A great book . . . Rosenberg has produced a superb piece of translation." —*Village Voice Literary Supplement*

"Rosenberg's innovative translation . . . re-creates a tone of modulated ironic grandeur." —*New Yorker*

"David Rosenberg has given a fresh interpretative translation." —*Washington Post Book World*

"Surpassing originality." —*New York Times*

Praise for *A Poet's Bible*

"Rosenberg's translations from the Hebrew Bible are the best in the twentieth century without a doubt."
—*The Nation*

About the Author

"David Rosenberg is one of the great visionary thinkers of our time."

--Robert Polito, Director of the New School Writing Program, FORA

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