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FOREWORD

This volume, consisting for the most part of papers prepared for a conference on Rabbi Abraham Ibn Ezra organized by the Harvard University Center for Jewish Studies, will hopefully push back the frontiers of scholarship on the achievement and influence of this remarkable twelfth-century sage. It enhances our knowledge while, at the same time, highlighting lacunae and directing our attention to scholarly desiderata.

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