

Art of biblical narrative

Allen & Unwin - The Art of Biblical Narrative book by Robert Alter

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Biography as a literary form
 History -- Philosophy
 Erasmus, Desiderius, -- d. 1536.
 Canons, fugues, etc. (String quartet)
 String quartets -- Parts
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 Bible. -- O.T. -- Criticism, Textual.
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The art of Biblical narrative (1981 edition)

Don't get me wrong, Alter did a good job of treating the text fairly based on his own prior convictions of its human origins, but I can only imagine what this book could have been if he had started from a more solid foundation. After laying a foundation, Alter moves to explaining the features of the biblical landscape. Alter literally asserts that meaning in the Hebrew Old Testament is meant to be shape-shifting and developing.

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The Hebrew Bible far more than the New Testament contains a complete portrait of a human society, of people experiencing human dramas, of the mundane aspects of life apart from the specifically religious.

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I often found myself reading as little as five pages at a sitting, as each sentence seemed so full that it was all I could take in before I had to stop for a mental breather.

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Since he acknowledges the theological purpose of the writers, he points out that in narrative the only way to write good dialogue and give the reader theological insights is to have the narrator be omniscient and able to give insight where necessary. This is unique to the Bible; Homer has long monologue rather than dialogue. For example, when David is coming to power, we only hear his public speeches and actions.

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This is not at all antagonistic to historical and theological reading of the text in principle, though possible in particulars.

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