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The authors help the reader understand Hebrew thought expressed in wisdom literature and poetry. Murphy brings greater clarity to Proverbs via literary insight and intrabook connections. Huwiler sets Ecclesiastes in the larger biblical context and is a reliable guide through this consideration of existence and meaning. He explores the rich imagery of Song of Songs, a celebration of the goodness of human sexuality and love.

Roland E. Murphy, O. Carm., contributed the commentary on Proverbs. He was the George Washington Ivey Emeritus Professor at Duke University.

Elizabeth Huwiler contributed the commentary on Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. She was professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

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