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## Carter's "John: Storyteller, Interpreter, Evangelist" - Book Review

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**JOHN: STORYTELLER, INTERPRETER, EVANGELIST.** By Warren Carter. Peabody, MS: Hendrickson Publishers, 2006. Pp. xvi + 264. \$19.95, ISBN 978-1-56563-523-4.

In this new and readable introduction to the Gospel of John, Carter guides the reader through a thoughtful consideration of important interpretive issues. In Part One, the first six chapters present helpful treatments of: John's genre as an ancient revelatory biography; John's plot featuring responses to Jesus as the revelatory agent of God; John's characters as conveyors of and responders to revelation; John's distinctive dualism; and John's rhetoric. Part Two of Carter's book outlines John's interpretive approach to Scripture and other traditions and provides a brief survey of approaches to the history of the Johannine situation. Especially valuable is his developing of the impact of the Roman presence under Domitian upon the Johannine situation. Part Three outlines the work of the evangelist, beginning with the authorship and composition of John, and concluding with its message and reading it in a pluralistic world. Few new judgments are made, but the overall approach is helpful, posing a fair and useful treatment of recent Johannine approaches and of many important issues.

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