

Amy Kalmanofsky, *Dangerous Sisters of the Hebrew Bible*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press (www.fortresspress.com), 2014. Pages, 208. Paper, \$24.00.

Patriarchal, patrilinear societies are interested in the roles played by fathers, mothers, and sons. Daughters are important as possible wives. There seems to be very little interest in women as sisters. Kalmanofsky steps into this lacuna. Her book is divided into three parts. In the first she looks at sister pairs: Rachel and Leah; Michel and Merav; Israel and Judah. In the second, she speaks of incestuous sisters: Lot's daughters; Sarah; Tamar. In the third, the subject is sisterhoods: daughters of Adam, Moab, the Land, and Israel; daughters of Jerusalem; Ruth and Naomi. She shows that women as sisters were at times significant literary characters and did indeed impact the history of Israel (Rachel and Leah), as did a sense of sisterhood (Ruth and Naomi). This is a book that will interest students of the Bible as well as those reading in the field of gender studies.