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--**Scot McKnight**, Northern Seminary

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"*The Evolution of Adam* provides a sure-footed and engaging look at what the Bible says--and does not say--about the first man. Peter Enns, one of America's most important Old Testament scholars, provides a masterful and accessible survey of the relevant biblical scholarship from the past couple of centuries. Enns combines a deep appreciation of the Christian tradition with a courageous willingness to go where most evangelicals fear to tread. I highly recommend this book."

--**Karl Giberson**, author of *Saving Darwin: How to Be a Christian and Believe in Evolution*

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