Common Judaism: Explorations in Second-temple Judaism by Wayne O. Mccready

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Two decades after the publication of E. P. Sanderss monumental Judaism: Practice and Belief inaugurated vigorous debates about the extent and significance of commonality and diversity in ancient Judaism, Common Judaism gathers a host of scholars to present the state of our understanding of what was common ground in Second-Temple Judaism.

By examining the tensions between a common Judaism and local settings, partisan Judaism, and the influence of Hellenism, these essays set contemporary discussion on a secure footing. An important resource for scholars and students alike, the contributors include: Lee I. Levine, Susan Haber, Al Baumgarten, David Miller, Eliezer Segal, and many more. Including an introductory essay by E.P. Sanders, this should become a standard reference work in the fields of early Judaism and New Testament studies.

My Personal Review:
Judaism, just like Christianity, has many branches. "Common Judaism: Explorations in Second-Temple Judaism" is an examination of these branches and their relationships with one another, focusing on second-temple Judaism. Designed to be a stepping stone for educational discussion, it outlines the origins and concepts that divide one branch of Judaism from another and is utterly intriguing reading for anyone, Jew or gentle. "Common Judaism" is a strongly recommended pick for Judaic studies collections or general religious collections.