The writers of the Bible depended on other sources for much of their work. Some of these sources may be lost forever, but many have recently come to light. Known as the pseudepigrapha, they are made available here in volumes.

My Personal Review:
I love this book. I am a fundamentalist pentecostal Christian who loves to research extra-biblical writings. I believe the true word of God is the Bible - the apocrypha but still find so much value in reading these historical documents.

This book is great because there is about 4 to 6 pages of information presented about each collection of writings. This would include a full detailed synopsis so you don't actually have to read the actual writings to get all the details covered in them. It mentions the Title of the writing and where it came from, the texts in existence from where the translations come from, where they were found, and the languages they are in. The original languages the writings were written in, the date which they were written and evidences that points to certain dates, the provenance of the writing (Provenance, from the French provenir, "to come from", means the origin, or the source, of something, or the history of the ownership or location of an object), the theological importance of the document, The relation to Canonized books and other apocryphal books, the cultural importance of the book, and a bibliography of all the sources he uses to presume the above.

The book then contains the full text of each of the writings. I will list the titles of the works included as it is important to know these things when
picking up collections like this to ensure you are not duplicating anything you may already have in your library.

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