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R. PENNA, *Lettera ai Romani. Introduzione, versione, commento*, Scritti delle origini cristiane 6 (Bologna: Dehoniane, 2010, paper €69) lxxiv and 1331 pp. Bibliography. Indexed. ISBN: 978-88-10-20628-7.

This large volume combines the three volumes in Penna's commentary on Paul's letter to the Romans that were published between 2004 and 2008 [*NTA* 49, pp. 415-416; 51, p. 402; 53, p. 408]. It also presents unified versions of the bibliography and the indexes. After a sixty-page introduction, Penna treats (besides the opening and closing material) the two major parts of the letter. He first considers the fundamental elements of Christian identity in Rom 1:18–11:36: the justice of God—the antitheses between retributive and gospel justice (1:18–5:21); the Christian as inserted into Christ and led by the Spirit (6:1–8:39); and the gospel and Israel (9:1–11:36). Then he deals with the ethical components of Christian identity in 12:1–15:12: love as the central criterion of Christian ethics (12:3–13:14); and the case of relations between the weak and the strong (14:1–15:12).