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This short volume treats the emergence of critical approaches to the Bible and Catholic reactions to them during the 20th century. After a three-page introduction, it discusses early official reactions to critical scholarship, J. Wellhausen's views on Moses and the Pentateuch, Catholic reactions, the encyclical of Pius XII (1943), the role of tradition, modern exegesis, and mistaken paths. It concludes that Catholic exegetes should not limit themselves to preparatory work for the teaching office of the church, which then discusses the spiritual aspects, but must address the spiritual sense as well. Berges is professor of OT at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Bonn.