

ARMANDO NOGUEZ, *El nacimiento de Jesús según Mateo y Lucas: Narradores, intérpretes y evangelizadores* (Estella [Navarra]: Verbo Divino, 2018, paper €17) 233 pp., 39 tables, 3 timelines. Bibliography. ISBN: 978-84-9073-444-5.

This volume, which employs historical-critical and social-rhetorical methods to show how the Gospel infancy stories are works of narrative, interpretation, and evangelization, is presented in the form of a manual intended to be used in a climate of prayer in which the biblical text is read and the feedback from an ecclesial group is received. A 28-page introduction treats Matthew and Luke as Gospels of the second generation of Christians, Matthew's and Luke's stories about the origin and birth of Jesus, and literary forms in the stories. The manual then explores the stories under these major headings: Matthew narrates Jesus' origins, Luke narrates the conception and birth of John and of Jesus, Matthew and Luke interpret the Bible and their historical context, and Matthew and Luke evangelize their communities. Each section is divided into multiple chapters, each presented in outline format and concluding with a brief true/false quiz. A five-page appendix on the birth of Jesus and ecclesial culture and a three-page set of texts for prayer and meditation are included. Noguez teaches Sacred Scripture at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City.