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The essays in Practicing Gnosis demonstrate that the Gnostics were not necessarily trendy intellectuals seeking epistemological certainties. Instead, this book explores how Gnostics were seeking religious experiences that relied on practices including ritual, magic, liturgy, and theurgy. This book celebrates the career of Birger A. Pearson.
