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Sommario/riassunto	This book explores the variety of ways that the Jewish understanding of the Covenant relates to the notion of a contract or a shared grammar as

developed in recent structural and post-structural theory. The book enters the debate on the relationship between a variety of open-ended forms of text interpretation and traditional Jewish interpretive practice, expanding and deepening that debate. Until now, the discussion has focused primarily on Midrashic interpretation; these essays balance the assumption of the openness of interpretation with an exploration of the concurrent restrictions on interpretation imposed by a covenant.
