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The volume explores the theological principles underlying central dimensions of the Ignatian tradition, particularly the *Spiritual Exercises*, discernment, and the search for God in all things. Special attention is devoted to their grounding in the Incarnation, the Trinity, and the Paschal Mystery, as well as to their reception within the broader Jesuit theological tradition. It also considers the historical evolution of Ignatian spirituality, including its reception in diverse ecclesial and cultural settings.

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