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Based on a doctoral dissertation directed by J.-N. Aletti and presented to the Pontifical Gregorian University, this volume uses the tools of narrative analysis to investigate the figure of Peter in Acts. After a two-page introduction, it explains the methodology and the reason why Acts 1–15 is a narrative in which to study Peter. Next it analyzes the micro-narratives in Acts in which Peter is present: the first “word” of Peter in Acts 1:15-26; Peter explains the Pentecost event (2:14-41); Peter speaks to the people after healing a lame man (3:1-26); the consequences of Peter’s “word” to the lame man (4:1-31); Peter and the case of Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-10); the two mentions of Peter in 5:11-42; Peter is commissioned to Samaria (8:14-25); Peter at Lydda and Joppa (9:32-43); Peter and Cornelius (10:1–11:18); Peter and his liberation from prison (12:1-19); and Peter’s “last word” in 15:5-29. Then it considers the characteristics of Peter in Acts: what we learn from his speeches in Acts, his authoritative interpretations of Scripture, his role as head and representative of the other apostles, and his place as the first missionary in Acts.