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"This is what we've been waiting for: a theoretical formulation of the 'feminine genius' at the heart and foundation of St. Pope John Paul II's 'new feminism.' Even better, each of these rich and varied contributions is simultaneously a magnificent display—a practical example—of the feminine genius at work: a prophetic witness to the value of life and love. Three cheers for Woman as Prophet in the Home and the World!"

—**Michele M. Schumacher**, private docent, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, and author/editor, *Women in Christ: Toward a New Feminism*

"This book is prophetic in character as well as in theme. [The essays] make the forward-looking claim that women's struggle to develop and share their gifts beyond the domestic sphere will only reach its full potential when it harnesses the 'feminine genius.' This power for knowing the person and affirming her dignity, not only on account of her humanity but as 'unique and irreplaceable,' is the heart of any woman's flourishing and the key to transforming a culture which, for all its celebration of individualism, has obscured the truth of the person as unconditionally worthy of being loved."

—**Mary Catherine Sommers**, University of St. Thomas

This first-ever interdisciplinary study of woman as prophet is an essential resource for educators and students of humanity, philosophy, the theology of woman, and evangelization. The study has four sets of findings. The first identifies the cognitive and ontological underpinnings of what John Paul II called the "feminine genius." The second establishes the prophetic dimensions of the feminine genius, femininity, and prolife feminism, as well as secular feminism's need to adopt Catholic insights and the ability of femininity's prophetism to recast both femininity and feminism as Marian prophecies. The third explicates the conditions and Thomistic virtues necessary for prophesying, as well as the spirituality of prominent women saints. The fourth explores key challenges facing women prophets, including polarization, secularization, lust, and divorce, while also determining how mothers with careers can flourish and how nuns can combat racism. These interdisciplinary investigations into woman as prophet explain why ordinary women prophesying love, either in the order of nature or Christian revelation, are indispensable for healing lives, families, and culture.

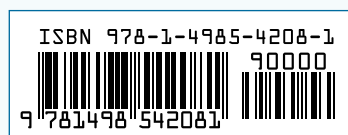
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