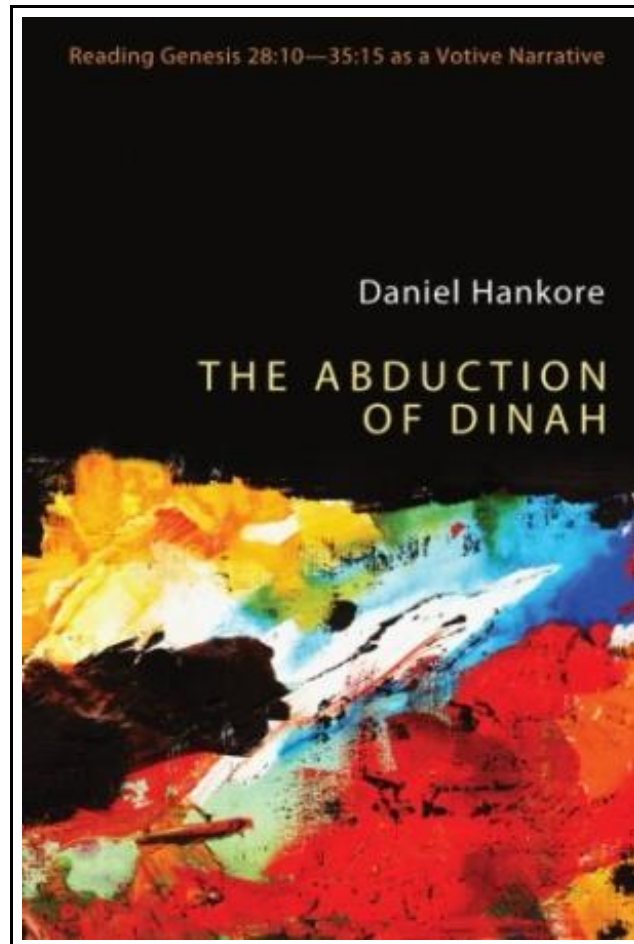# The Abduction of Dinah: Reading Genesis 28:10-35:15 as a Votive Narrative (Paperback)

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