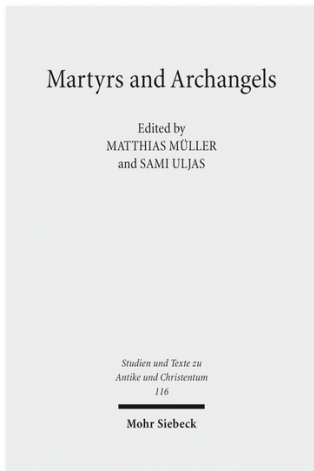


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These fascinating stories and discourses are of notable interest to students of early Christianity as well as to Coptologists and Egyptologists.

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