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- Miller, Margaret C., and Eric Csapo (Editor). *The Origins of Theater in Ancient Greece and Beyond: From Ritual to Drama*. Cambridge University Press, 2008. In 17 scholarly articles, leading experts examine the origins of Greek drama through the lenses of their respective fields, including theater history, philosophy, cultural history and classical archaeology. (PAPER, 440 Pp., \$54.99, Item GRE596)

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