Celtic and Early Christian Wexford

Making a Christian Landscape

The saints, despite the ethical problems they often raise, remain a point of access to the mystery of holiness. In this book, Sara Maitland and Wendy Mulford have travelled a creative path which accepts the complex relationship between historical fact and spiritual truth. Denying the validity of neither, and exploring a new form - complex, double-sided, poetic - the book offers a meeting-place between virtue and magic. Virtuous Magic is for pilgrims, for feminists, for ordinary Christians, and for anyone who has ever wondered about that strange magic which the saints have exerted throughout Christian history.

Celtic Goddesses

Includes section "Reviews."

Sea-road of the Saints

From the rocky isolation of the Cornish coast to the rolling hills of Devon, from the marshy Somerset Levels to the chalk downlands of eastern Wiltshire and the gentler clay vales of north Wiltshire and Dorset, the countryside of south-west Britain is strikingly varied.

The Kingdom of the Isles

Little Ireland

Lives of the Welsh Saints

Isle of the Saints recreates the harsh yet richly spiritual world of medieval Irish monks on the Christian frontier of barbarian Europe. Lisa Bitel draws on accounts of saints' lives written between 800 and 1200 to explain, from the monks' own perspective, the social networks that bound them to one another and to their secular neighbors.

Ireland and the Celtic Connection

John Marsden follows the course of the sea-road of the early Celtic saints from Ireland to the western coast and isles of Scotland. He explores the spiritual tradition of the 'white martyrdom of exile for Christ' as it was lived out by these voyager-visionaries against the land and seascapes of the Hebrides. From Columba onwards to Ciaran, Cormac, Brendan and Ronan, those who spread Irish Christianity into Scotland left traces throughout the landscape and in the placenames which survive to this day. The book gives not only a colourful account of the history of those times, but serves also as a guide to the island traveller on a path of exploration of this rich and ancient tradition.

The Archaeology of Islands

Cutting through the mists of Celtic myth, this historical account introduces the saints to us as real men and women in pursuit of holiness. The Celtic period began in 435 and ended in 715; this work tells the stories of the various branches of the Celtic church in this period.

The Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorian

The Origins of Early Christian Ireland

British Books in Print

Saints, Seaways and Settlements in the Celtic Lands

Isle of the Saints

An examination of the assumption that there were extensive trade links along the western coasts of the British Isles. Particular attention is focussed on the links between Britain and Ireland, Gaul and beyond. Wooding argues that the links were sporadic and small scale. Full use is made of archaeological and textual sources. Details of routes, cargoes, links with Gaul and the Mediterranean and sites like Whithorn and Tintagel.

Virtuous Magic

Wessex is central to the study of early medieval English history; it was the dynasty which created the kingdom of England. This volume uses archaeological and place-name evidence to present an authoritative account of the most significant of the English Kingdoms.

The Church in British Archaeology

Celtic Studies

The Celtic Year

Communication and Commerce

Along the Western Sealanes

Ad 400-800

This study recreates the history of English Cumbria for the period from the withdrawal of the Romans from the far north west of their Empire to the Norman occupation of 1092, when sovereignty over the area was finally divided between England and Scotland.

Saints’ Cults in the Celtic World
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BAR International Series Book covers historical realtions between south Wales and southern Ireland, growth of the Catholic church in Swansea, history of Greenhill (a Swansea suburb), the Irish in Swansea as reported in the Swansea newspapers, and surnames of the Swansea Irish and their Irish origins.

Landscape and Settlement in Medieval Wales The Christianity of Roman Britain, so often treated in isolation, is here deftly integrated with the history of the British churches of the Celtic world, with Ireland, Iona and Pictland. Combining chronicle and literary evidence with the fruits of the latest archaeological research, Malcolm Lambert illuminates the ways in which the conversion process changed the hearts and minds of early Britain. --Book jacket.

The Linguistic Geography of Wales

Who are the Celtic Saints?

Ceredigion Recent research and fieldwork on the settlement and landscape of Medieval Wales presented at the 1994 meeting of the Welsh Archaeological Congress is here set down for all to read. The contributions are: Landscape and settlement (Nancy Edwards); Wetland reclamation on the Gwent levels (Stephen Rippon); Landscape of Gwent and the Marches as seen through the Charters (C Hurley); The royal courts of the Welsh princes in Gwynedd, AD 400-1283 (David Longley); The locations of the royal courts of 13th century Gwynedd (N Johnston); Aerial photography and historic landscape on the Great Orme, Llandudno (M Aris); Place-names and vegetation history as a key to understanding settlement in the Conwy Valley (D Hooke); Transhumance and settlement on the Welsh uplands: A view from the Black Mountain (A Ward); Historic settlement surveys in Clwyd and Powys (Robert Silvester); Post-conquest and pre-conquest villages in Pembrokeshire (J Kissock); Small boroughs in south-west Wales (K Murphy); New Radnor: the topography of a planned town (R J Silvester); Medieval Wales: a summing up (Christopher Dyer).

Antiquity Describes the seasons of the Celtic year, Celtic holy sites and religious festivals, and the traditional prayers and blessings of the Celtic Church

The Legal History of Wales

Feeding Community This text offers a wide-ranging review of the significance of the female in Celtic myth and religion. Celtic goddesses presided over nature, animals, healing and fertility. Terrifying battle goddesses were invoked in times of war and a Mother Goddess was supplicated for the fertility of animals and crops. Goddesses were often linked with animals - birds, dogs, bears, pigs and snakes all had their divine protectresses.

The Anglo-Welsh Review A study of Wales's legal history from its beginnings to the present day, including an assessment of the importance of Roman and English influences to Wales's legal social identity. New edition.

The Oxford Companion to the Literature of Wales Archaeologists have traditionally considered islands as distinct physical and social entities. In this book, Paul Rainbird discusses the historical construction of this characterization and questions the basis for such an understanding of island archaeology. Through a series of case studies of prehistoric archaeology in the Mediterranean, Pacific, Baltic, and Atlantic seas and oceans, he argues for a centering of the land in favor of an emphasis on the archaeology of the sea and, ultimately, a new perspective on the making of maritime communities. The archaeology of islands is thus unshackled from approaches that highlight boundedness and isolation, and replaced with a new set of principles - that boundaries are fuzzy, islanders are distinctive in their expectation of contacts with people from over the seas, and that island life can tell us much about maritime communities. Debating islands, thus, brings to the fore issues of identity and community and a concern with Western construction of other peoples.

The Innes Review This study presents Andrew David's field survey and excavation, including the results of excavations at the Nab Head and Daylight Rock in Pembrokeshire. It integrates these results with existing data to re-examine the chronology of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic settlement in Wales identifying phases of cultural transition.

A History of the Church in Wales A survey of relations between Ireland and other Celtic nations from prehistoric times to the late twentieth century, supplemented by an up-to-date bibliography that serves as an introduction to the study of such fields as the archaeology, history, and ar

The Welsh Borders

Land of the Cumbrians In the 'Age of the Saints' between the fifth and seventh centuries, early Christian leaders in Wales assimilated the currents of existing faith and indigenous Celtic devotion into the intellectual traditions of the greater European church. The humanist teaching of such figures as 'papa' Dubricius (Dyfrig) in Erging, and of his successor Iltut (Iltud) in Llantrtw Major, were followed by the sixth-century saints who turned increasingly to an ascetic monasticism influenced by ideas originating in the eastern Mediterranean. Although the idea of a Celtic Church encompassing the Celtic nations has now been superseded in our understanding of the period, the lives of the saints are squarely set against the backdrop of the lands of their mission. The lives represent medieval Latin scripts in eulogy to the religious leaders of earlier centuries, though rarely achieving great literary invention around only kernels of truth that relate to the individual saints, and should correctly be viewed as embodying a literary form in their own right. This is a new and reissued edition of G. H Dobie's Lives of the Welsh Saints, which was edited by Professor D. Simon Evans in 1984. This volume contains his work on five Welsh Saints – Dubricius, Iltut, Paulinus, Tilo and Oudoceus.

Legal History in the Making "Between the fifth and twelfth centuries Ireland experienced massive social, economic, political and religious change. How and why did this transition occur and what were its consequences? In this study, the author provides the answers to these questions for County Wexford, which he sets against the broader backdrop of Irish political and ecclesiastical history. Traces of the Celts are explored, including hillforts, Lughnasa sites, the Druids and their beliefs and the Druidic centre at Carnsore Point. The origins of Christianity and the lives of the early saints are examined. The nature, practices, and demands of the new religion are discussed. This account is set within the rise to power of the Uí Cheinnselaig dynasty and their internecine conflicts. This is an updated edition of R. Thomas's The Kingship of a Celtic Kingdom with a new postscript by the author."--From publisher's description.

Christians and Pagans Drawing on a variety of sources, this very readable narrative deals with three major and closely interrelated themes: first, the existence of the Isles and coastal mainland as a kingdom from c.1100 to 1266; second, the rulers of the region, Somerled and his descendants, the MacDougalls, MacDonalds, and MacRuairis; and third, the often complex relations among the Isles, Scotland, Norway and England.
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Bede and His World: 1979-1993 Identifies Welsh historians, publishers, novelists, playwrights, poets, translators, educators, and important movements, institutions, and works

Archaeologia Cambrensis Saints' cults flourished in the medieval world, and the phenomenon is examined here in a series of studies.

Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Settlement in Wales Attempts to explain why there was such a flowering of culture in the period up to AD 800 in Ireland. Mytum takes a theoretical position on his subject-matter, and applies it in detail using archaeological and also extensive historical information.