

1: Miracles of the Virgin: Medieval narratives through time and space (Maynooth)

During the Middle Ages, Mary was the most powerful of saints, and the combination of her humanity and her proximity to the divine captured the medieval imagination.

Search Search this site: NOTES 3 yeman denotes a broad social rank below knights and squires, ranging from a small landowning farmer to an attendant, servant, or lesser official in a royal or noble household Middle English yoman, perhaps contraction of yongman ; for the relevance of the term to the audience of the Robin Hood materials, see General Introduction, pp. A person excluded from legal protection and rights Old English utlaga, from Old Norse utlagi. Although the term "outlaw" was applied to anyone who had committed a serious crime - robbery, murder, or rape, the term had a more limited meaning in medieval law. The sentence of outlawry was reserved for those criminals who refused to appear for trial in court: Douglas and George W. Eyre and Spottiswoode,] II, Given the harsh punishments that awaited the convicted felon - blinding, loss of limb, or castration - it is not surprising that many fled to the forest or abroad to escape judgment. This has long been identified as a tract of land in the West Riding of Yorkshire: As he notes, however, "there was no forest or chase," and he speculates that the three major locations of the myth - Barnsdale, Sherwood Forest, and Nottingham - "are all confounded. The Gest, however, clearly links Barnsdale with named places in Yorkshire, see lines It does not mention Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire, but does set part of the story in Nottingham, see note to line Like King Arthur in Sir Gawain and the Green Knight and many other romances, Robin Hood refuses to eat "until something strange and wonderful happens, until he is provided with an appropriately distinguished or unusual guest" Dobson and Taylor, , p. Though the word Gest in the title of the poem refers to an event or deed from Latin res gestae, "things done," as used in the French epic Chansons de geste , this context clearly uses the other word gest, meaning "guest," see lines , It is supplied here on the model of similar passages in early ballads, though it is conceivable that, as the rhymes are the same in the two stanzas, it might have originally been an irregular seven-line stanza. The Marian cult is of course one of the major features of Roman Catholicism, and it reached its apogee in Western Europe in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. See the Introduction and note to line While he is a devoted Christian see lines , he targets local officials and religious orders for abusing their authority and for usury, the lending of money at an exorbitant or illegal rate of interest; for a summary see Dobson and Taylor, , pp. The Gest does not explain why the Sheriff of one county, Nottinghamshire, would be interested in the activities of an outlaw living and operating in another county; the same occurs in Robin Hood and Guy of Gisborne. This is presumably the result of different ballads being meshed into one longer story. On the variation of place, see Dobson and Taylor, , pp. The Saylis has been identified by Dobson and Taylor as a plot of ground overlooking the highway on the northern edge of Barnsdale , pp. To counteract the prevalence of highway robbery, Edward I sponsored special measures in the Statute of Winchester A. Oxford University Press,] II, Child emends to "loked" for consistency of tense, but all the early sources have this dramatic present, which is retained here. See also line in the Gest, and line in Adam Bell. Organ meats such as liver, heart, and kidney, but also, in early usage, particularly for venison, loin cuts. It presumably means "No peny of that I will have. It seems that both makes no sense in , and has been introduced into by the juxtaposition of the doublet sette and solde. This text emends to beth in each line. The loan is due, but the knight has only ten shillings, and as a result he stands to lose his pledged property. Sagacious as usual, Child III, cites two parallels: While the first example is a little remote - it is the knight in the Gest who is waylaid by robbers - the miracle of the Virgin is much more promising. Although there are significant differences between the version in the Gest and the Middle English miracle, the opening plot elements and language are strikingly close: The Huntington Library, Another edition is in Carl Horstmann, ed. Conceivably this name came from confusion with "litill John," but the adjective seems to improve the meter before "Much" in these instances and is accepted here. This is more than clothing: But that is no reason to emend. Such repetitions for emphasis are not uncommon in early ballads. Presumably the Prior means " If it were me I would rather pay the hundred pounds right away. The b text reads In Englonde he is right and the later f and g, like Child, have is his right. There seems no ground for changing the original. The

source reads Richard but the rhyme clearly requires Rychere. It is not fully clear which saint is referred to. In a note on Gamelyn, line which reads Rychere, Skeat states that, among a number of minor St. Richards, this one, popular in outlaw oaths, is the thirteenth century St. Richard of Chichester, who was "a pattern of brotherly love", pp. Rhyme itself seems sufficient reason to emend to Rychere. Child inserts hie; the expanded title is also found in some other early texts, but there seems little need for the emendation in terms either of sense or meter. This was not indicated earlier, and seems contradicted by his apparent plans to go on crusade lines, but if he is travelling north to York, he is not coming from his notional home in Lancashire. The uncertainty may arise from combining different ballads. The justice, or professional lawyer, is the agent of a powerful lord - the abbot in this case. Justices were an important part of the county court system, performing a variety of functions: Princeton University Press, p. When the lawyer says he is holde with the abbot. Both with cloth and fee, he is revealing that he has been hired by the abbey to render legal services for a fee or annual annuity Palmer, pp. The abbot had retained the chief justice in order to help him bankrupt the knight. According to Child III, 52 the practice of giving and receiving robes for such purposes was considered a conspiracy in the legal code of King Edward I; in another statute of King Edward III, dated, justices were required to swear that they would accept robes and fees only from the king. At lines the knight resists this; it was an increasingly common form of land transfer in the period, and is at the basis of the conflict in Gamelyn see note to line See note to line This cut can split, and a horn or metal cap prevents this. Silver would be unusually lavish. The text is supplied from b. Child reads, with the earliest text, But as he went at a brydye: Child includes this necessary emendation as a possible reading in his textual note, III, In the portrait of the Miller in the General Prologue to The Canterbury Tales, Chaucer observes of this "churl" that "at wrastlynge he wolde have alwey the ram" line In Gamelyn the hero only wrestles when he has been effectively disinherited. This may suggest an "art" or literary context for the Gest. This appears to mean "set far from home and as a stranger. Child emends the phrase to free for the sake of the rhyme, but this is very vague in meaning compared with in fere, and rhymes in the Gest are frequently imprecise. Child adds me to the line to improve the rhyme; this is found in b, but later texts edit differently That ever I did see. Child follows the same practice in line where there is a little more support in the early texts for I me at the end of the line. The resultant expression seems unusual - a reflexive use of see - but it is found in lines and, so the emendation is accepted. Other early texts insert that after while, which is accepted here on metrical grounds, but none has the past tense in wolde. Yet wole and bolde would make a very poor rhyme, and the loss of d is very easy: Hoar or gray, due to the absence of foliage or because of the gray lichen that attaches itself to aged tree trunks. Child emends the source to the beste, presumably on grounds of sense and meter, but this seems unnecessary. This is the one year anniversary of their agreement in line Commercial interests have invaded the Greenwood: Robin is acting like the avaricious abbot of St. The knight is late because he stopped to help the yeoman at the wrestling match. See also the note to line In the absence of any obvious emendation, the earliest source is retained here, as it does make sense. The source has he, presumably an error, as the plural pronoun of line is used again in line But the more probable error is to have misread initial The as an abbreviated That, and this change is made here. The monkes have brought our pay introduces a recurrent ironic joke, that the robbery of the monks is a repayment, sanctioned by Mary, of the money lent to the knight. John instructs the outlaws to stop the crowd of travellers, and picks the leading monk as his own target. Other references occur in line of the Gest and line in Adam Bell. The emphasis on pay, money, borowe, cofers, marke, peny, sylver, male, ponde, and doubled your cast permeates the scene that follows, and casts Robin in the role of a concerned money-lender. Child emends a notional thy to his, but the error is more probably based on an original reading of the, which is adopted here. There are a number of long lines that identify a speaker see note to line 41 of Robin Hood and the Monk, but they begin speeches. The knight has already been identified as the speaker and so sayd the knyght can be omitted here. Child inserts hie before the noun; this is found in later texts, but seems unnecessary; see the similar insertion before justyce in line Mounds or other prominences usually artificial marking the limits of a shooting range. Rhyme is at times so imprecise in the Gest that the emendation appears unnecessary and no early texts emend on this basis: Child spells about and treats it like an adverb, but, as in Robin Hood and the Potter see note to line the source separates the letters into article and

noun, and this makes sense in the action. But, as in line , Gylberte is again mentioned in the same formulaic way, and this time the competition is in the forest, among the archers. He does not appear elsewhere.

2: A (Middle?) English Miracle of St Audrey? – Heavenfield

The Middle English has been helpfully glossed and annotated, and is lightly modernized for ease of reading; one particularly challenging story is translated in facing-page format.

Description[edit] The Image is a sculpture representative of the Virgin Mary built in alabaster , it stands 54 centimeters tall. The body of the sculpture is one piece, although with some minor attachments in the posterior due to some imperfections suffered during its history; it rests atop a 5 centimeter pedestal with elongated lines. Its face is also elongated with the hair combed naturally, and the hands a bit exaggerated with respect to the body. The dress is carved to resemble a tunic with a modest neckline which descends in parallel folds, regular and well carved, until it reaches the pedestal, where a glimpse of the right foot covered with a typical shoe is visible. The head is covered with a cloak which falls over the body a bit rigidly, and over her left arm which holds the baby Jesus in an upright posture with his right arm placed in the typical position for blessing in the old Greek manner and his left arm holding what resembles a globe , like the virgin he is dressed in a clinging tunic. In her right arm the Virgin carries a Pomegranate , placed there in a restoration done in , after the damage suffered during the Spanish Civil War , and which replaced the Liliun she initially held. The decoration itself is composed of a frame containing the enameled coat of arms of the primary countries of the Americas, and in the top-center is the coat of arms of Spain , the set is accentuated with alternating smooth and wavy beveled rays. Examples of this type of imagery and of similar style, can be found in the "Capilla de los Alabastros" in the Seville Cathedral or in Church of San Lorenzo [11] of the same city. For centuries, the sculpture was polychrome , dressed in fine clothing, and adorned with precious stones according to all the various reports made on its restorations, [13] wills , documentation, and engravings stored at the monastery and at the archives [14] of the French order in the Provincia Beltica. Finally after the restoration done in , it was decided to eliminate the polychrome from the image and in it was returned to worship at her monastery [16] in the original form in which it was sculpted. La Rabida Monastery[edit] Main article: It was erected in the 14th and 15th centuries. Its irregular shape measures 2. The monastery, over its more than years of history, has suffered several modifications, above all from the Lisbon earthquake. We assume that the existing and venerated image is the same, identical, and is the primary and only one to have existed, since all evidence seems to be in its favor, there is no motive to suspect that it was replaced. Additionally, due to the many ancient documents that record the favors and supposed miracles attributed to it, it is known as "Our Lady of Miracles". On another note, like many other images from the same area and time period, it is surrounded by various legends , fables , and traditions. However, all of them fundamentally lack historic or scientific backing. The majority are recognized in the codex of Fray Felipe de Santiago , [3] where the traditions and legends of the area and time period are documented along with historical data. Traditions and legends[edit] Topographic Map of the la Villa de Huelva and the Lugares colombinos Among the most notable legends that circle the image are: The supposed apostolic origin of the image. Refers to the relocation of the image from the Holy Land to Palos, and that it was a work of Luke the Evangelist. The Virgin during the period of Arabian domination. Tells of how the image was deposited in the sea to avoid being desecrated by the Saracens until it was ready to be rescued at a better time. The joyous find at Sea. Recounts the apparition of the Virgin among the nets of some fishermen from Huelva and its subsequent crowning in the Franciscan monastery. Angel Ortega [6] and Fr. Sebastian Garcia [4] among other authors repeat the tales, all of them largely inspired by the cited codex of The primitive liliun located in the right hand and the dress reflecting the time period can be observed. According to legend , the image would have been sculpted in the beginnings of Christianity by St. Luke [27] [28] and brought to the port of Palos in the year by a Libyan sailor, Constantino Daniel. The sculpture was a gift from the bishop of Jerusalem Saint Macarius as a pious present for having dedicated the parish of Palos to the martyr , Saint George , a patron saint very widespread in the East. The codex recounts it: It was dedicated to the glorious martyr Saint George by Constantino Daniel, who promised to plead with the Bishop [of Jerusalem] in order to obtain an image of the Virgin Mary for the parish of Palos Constantino sailed to the holy city of Jerusalem and visited the Bishop and pleaded with him And

Macarius told Constantino that he would intercede with God, to see if it would please Him to give him the image of the Virgin Mary that was at Mount Zion, which had been painted by Saint Luke. On the third day Macarius called Constantino to him, and told him that the Virgin Mary on Mount Zion was the one that he would need to bring back to Palos. Constantino had guarded the image since with much diligence as well as a bell until he made another voyage to Palos. The entire town came to the harbor to see the wonder that brought such joy. And Constantino ordered that it be recorded that he had been given the image of the saint as well as the bell by Saint Macarius. The image was placed in the principal altar, which before had been dedicated to Prosperina. Also attributed is the defense of its homeland against pirate attacks. Under this halo of favors and healing, the image continued to be venerated until finally the peninsula fell under Muslim domination. Once the Muslims were established, they took the cenobite, and in the altar where the Virgin would have been located, they placed the "leg bone of Muhammad". However, according to the legend, the bone was cast repeatedly onto the floor, it was never permitted to stay in the spot previously occupied by the Virgin, an act which the followers of the prophet would have attributed to a supposed Christian enchantment. The Muslims decided to have with them a Christian, since every time one was retained the phenomena would cease. Finally, unable to support such events, it was negotiated to return the cenobite to Christianity. The great queen was in her house, with great worship and the Lord made great miracles. Apparition at sea [edit] One of the last and most famous of the legends is regarding the apparition at sea, in the beach of "Morla", in the municipal territory of Palos, close to the monastery. According to this tradition, some fishermen from Huelva were casting their nets, and through fishing found the image which appeared in two pieces, first the Virgin with half of the Child, and later the rest of the Child. Upon finding her, the fishermen tried to take the image back to Huelva, which angered the townspeople of Palos. This led to disputes that were on the verge of ending in war between the two towns. Intervention was necessary by the overseeing abbot of the convent, whose opinion was respected by both sides, to finally resolve the issue; the Virgin was deposited in a boat near where she had appeared, leaving her alone without any crewmen, to see where the waves would take her. Eventually the boat arrived at the spot where the monastery was situated and they decided to dedicate an altar there to that image of that apparition.

3: Miracles of the Virgin in Middle English - Broadview Press

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Silvester is said of sile or sol which is light, and of terra the earth, as who saith the light of the earth, that is of the church. Or Silvester is said of silvas and of trahens, that is to say he was drawing wild men and hard unto the faith. Or as it is said in glossario, Silvester is to say green, that is to wit, green in contemplation of heavenly things, and a toiler in labouring himself; he was umbrous or shadowous. That is to say he was cold and refrigate from all concupiscence of the flesh, full of boughs among the trees of heaven. The correct derivation is alluded to in the text, but set out in parallel to fanciful ones that lexicographers would consider quite wide of the mark. Even the "correct" explanations silvas, "forest", and the mention of green boughs are used as the basis for an allegorical interpretation. Medieval view of Muhammad[edit] The chapter "St Pelagius, Pope and the History of the Lombards" begins with the story of St Pelagius, then proceeds to touch upon events surrounding the origin and history of the Lombards in Europe leading up to the 7th century when the story of Muhammad begins. Agatha to supernaturally repel an eruption of Mount Etna: And for to prove that she had prayed for the salvation of the country, at the beginning of February, the year after her martyrdom, there arose a great fire, and came from the mountain toward the city of Catania and burnt the earth and stones, it was so fervent. Then ran the paynims to the sepulchre of S. Agatha and took the cloth that lay upon her tomb, and held it abroad against the fire, and anon on the ninth day after, which was the day of her feast, ceased the fire as soon as it came to the cloth that they brought from her tomb, showing that our Lord kept the city from the said fire by the merits of S. Barbara, a virgin who turned to Christianity against the will of her pagan father, is mostly known from the Golden Legend. Many of his stories have no other known source. A typical example of the sort of story related, also involving St. Silvester, shows the saint receiving miraculous instruction from Saint Peter in a vision that enables him to exorcise a dragon: In this time it happed that there was at Rome a dragon in a pit, which every day slew with his breath more than three hundred men. Then came the bishops of the idols unto the emperor and said unto him: O thou most holy emperor, sith the time that thou hast received Christian faith the dragon which is in yonder fosse or pit slayeth every day with his breath more than three hundred men. Then sent the emperor for S. Silvester and asked counsel of him of this matter. Silvester answered that by the might of God he promised to make him cease of his hurt and blessure of this people. Silvester put himself to prayer, and S. Peter appeared to him and said: Our Lord Jesus Christ which was born of the Virgin Mary, crucified, buried and arose, and now sitteth on the right side of the Father, this is he that shall come to deem and judge the living and the dead, I commend thee Sathanas that thou abide him in this place till he come. Then thou shalt bind his mouth with a thread, and seal it with thy seal, wherein is the imprint of the cross. Then thou and the two priests shall come to me whole and safe, and such bread as I shall make ready for you ye shall eat. Peter had said, S. And when he came to the pit, he descended down one hundred and fifty steps, bearing with him two lanterns, and found the dragon, and said the words that S. Peter had said to him, and bound his mouth with the thread, and sealed it, and after returned, and as he came upward again he met with two enchanters which followed him for to see if he descended, which were almost dead of the stench of the dragon, whom he brought with him whole and sound, which anon were baptized, with a great multitude of people with them. Thus was the city of Rome delivered from double death, that was from the culture and worshiping of false idols, and from the venom of the dragon. Perception and legacy[edit] *Legenda Aurea*, Editions and translations[edit] Saints Primus and Felician, from a 14th-century manuscript of the Golden Legend The critical edition of the Latin text has been edited by Giovanni Paolo Maggioni Florence: In , the Caxton version was updated into more modern English by Frederick Startridge Ellis, and published in seven volumes.

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There are known to have been plays or entertainments on nearly fifty saints, with well over a hundred instances of performance recorded, albeit mainly lacking extant texts. Considering that the records, both ecclesiastical and civic, that have been preserved represent only a sampling of what was once available, we can extrapolate that such plays were immensely popular with audiences—much more popular than the morality play, which barely registers historically until the early modern period. Saint plays offered scope for creativity and extravagant theatrical effect, and, linked to the cults of the saints deeply rooted in popular religion, they appealed to a common pre-Reformation religiosity. In many cases, performances seem possibly to have been projects of a parish or religious guild, each likely to have possessed a saint as its patron. Thus, the church of St. George guild sponsored a pageant and riding of George, the latter involving a dragon, which survived the change of religion in the 16th century. Every pre-Reformation church had images, wall paintings, and stained glass, not only of the Virgin Mary but also a selection, depending on local preference, from a panoply of available saints. These ranged from the popular St. Catherine to lesser known saints, sometimes venerated only locally in a particular town or region. Individual images might themselves be the focus of intense veneration because of the beliefs that devotion to the representation served to connect one in a mystical way to the actual saint and that prayers thus directed might be effective for assistance in this life or for alleviation of the pains of Purgatory. The drama of the saints cannot be separated from these aspects of late medieval religion. From the evidence in the extant texts and descriptions, however, there is no reason to suppose that the dramas were always necessarily spiritual in their principal focus, nor were they didactic in the usual sense of teaching doctrine. For example, the St. George skits, plays, and pageants, which were widely distributed, are likely to have been usually presented as entertainment. Some of these, and other saint or miracle plays, may have been unscripted. In drama, as in music, unscripted improvisation has its place. Paul, and the Virgin Mary, the latter incorporated into the N-Town collection. Also perhaps appropriately included in this list is the Lazarus play added to the end of the Towneley manuscript, where it follows the Last Judgment. Another East Anglian drama, the Croxton Play of the Sacrament, is a miracle play with close affinity to the saint play. Three fragments have been proposed as miracles of the Virgin: Finally, in Cornish there is an extant play of a Breton saint, St. Meriasek, and, recently discovered, another of St. Kee, unfortunately lacking a complete text. There is also a short late medieval Welsh play of The Soul and Body. The plays that survived were those that escaped the distaste of the Protestant reformers, whose hostility also expressed itself against the images of saints in churches during the period of iconoclasm. Another, and perhaps no less important, factor was the neglect suffered by play texts both before and after the Reformation. General Overviews In their concentration on the larger corpus of York, Chester, and Towneley plays, scholars have been slow to recognize the importance of the saint play for the late medieval theater. Davidson organizes his survey of the English saint play Davidson on the iconography of the saints, with extensive reference to analogues in the visual arts. Scoville provides an approach generally to saints in drama that brings the audience into focus, while Scherb, again a more general study that does not concentrate only on the extant saint play as such, returns to the East Anglian context and the spirituality on which the saint play depended. A better place to start is Grantley Davidson considers violence in the saint play in relation to its cultic purpose. Many of the records refer, the author believes, to unscripted entertainments. Certainly there is ambiguity concerning plays about which the records are ambiguous, but Clopper is too vigorous in advancing his arguments in this regard. For example, for the St. Catherine play presented at Dunstable c. Their loss was regarded as catastrophic, and the only logical conclusion is that they were borrowed to be used in a more sedate liturgical drama. University of Chicago Press, Edited by Clifford Davidson, 31— This approach has the benefit of establishing possibilities and parameters for playing that, combined with the dramatic records being edited in the Records of Early English Drama project, should provide the groundwork for much future

study. Discussion of the Digby Mary Magdalen is the centerpiece of this study. AMS, , 38â€” The Theater of Devotion: Edited by Richard Beadle and Alan J. Cambridge University Press, Useful attention is given to staging, and the discussion is sensibly extended to include the Play of the Sacrament. Attempting to identify a tradition of saint plays is problematic for England, and thus he suggests some comparisons with French saint plays, calling attention to Lynette R. Medieval Institute, , pp. Edited by Neville Denny, 69â€” This opened possibilities for highly developed drama. Some details are dated; for example, the letter allegedly written by Henry VIII in condemnation of a play of Thomas the Apostle at York is likely a forgery. Jeffrey brackets this play with a midth-century St. Nicholas play as denoting the chronological end and beginning of the period of popularity of the hagiographical theater. Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, Scherb valuably contextualizes East Anglian examples in relation to community and does not ignore the important aspect of religious faith in the endeavor of playing. Very useful attention to the connection with devotional and symbolic images, but also good on the conditions of production, theatrical properties, and modes of staging. University of Toronto Press, Strong emphasis on rhetoric and on the medieval perception of saints as inhabiting a borderline state between this world and the world beyond. In the plays, devotion and a sense of community are fostered. Paul confronts the question of alternative interpretations that may have been affected in performances after the Reformation, and affirms the use of processional production. Users without a subscription are not able to see the full content on this page. Please subscribe or login. How to Subscribe Oxford Bibliographies Online is available by subscription and perpetual access to institutions. For more information or to contact an Oxford Sales Representative click here.

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The life was written in English, and that delighted the monk. He found in it a wonderful miracle which he then related about the queen, Saint Audrey, who was first given to Tonbert, a duke of great valor esteemed of our Lord. Together they lived a good and holy life of chastity. One day the queen was in her chamber supervising the work that her servant girls were doing. The duke came in to speak with her about a certain matter. When he had disclosed it to her and asked her opinions, because she did not agree with him, he began to threaten her. The saintly virgin suffered this in silence and did not answer a single word. She remained humble and quiet, for she remembered the gospel which says that patience overcomes malice and calms great anger. As the virgin was reflecting and praying to God in her heart, she took the gloves off her hands and threw them in front of her husband. It happened that both gloves became suspended on a ray of sunlight and lay there quite still. The duke witnesses the miracle and all those who came with him also considered it a great miracle. The duke bitterly repented, acknowledging that he behaved badly. He duly cried for mercy from her, asking that she bear him no ill-will, and that she graciously forgive him and not be angry with him. Sweet and humbly the virgin forgave him. This anger I told you about did not come as the work of the Enemy but rather in order to show the glory of God and the victory of the virgin. However, the monk who read about this miracle in her life story did not believe it. The next night, when he lay down, Saint Audrey appeared to him and told him not to have any doubt or disbelief concerning the miracle that he found in the book. He accepted it as truth, for it was she herself, Saint Audrey, whom he had seen. The following morning the monk told all about it and made it known to the monastery. For this revelation they thanked God and His Name. As the last miraculous episode in the line poem, Marie is challenging you to believe her and in St Audrey. It could be a ploy to get English approval, but given that she is writing in Old French, I doubt that was a major concern. She also claims all of her sources are Latin. McCash and Barban discuss three sources for the life: Given that she sets this the first miracle of his last episode out separately as from an English book, it would seem not to have been from the Latin book of miracles. It is not found in the LE and has nothing to do with her translation s. Has anyone heard of his miracle before or one like it? The Life of Saint Audrey: A Text by Marie de France.

6: Virgin of Miracles - Wikipedia

The author argues that English miracles in particular were influenced by medieval England's troubled history with its Jewish population and the rapid thirteenth-century codification of English law, so that Mary frequently becomes a figure with special dominion over Jews, text, and legal problems.

In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Brewer, ; hardback; pp. They first appeared in the early Middle Ages and enjoyed great popularity throughout Europe, usually collected into large compendia. Surprisingly, this stimulating book is the first to examine Marian miracles in a specifically English literary and cultural context. However, as Professor Boyarin indicates, a discussion of Marian miracles in medieval England is not unproblematic. This is despite the fact that the genre is usually accepted to be an English invention, one of the expressions of an intense interest in Marian devotion and liturgy in England in the early Middle Ages. This apparent hiatus, which is peculiar to England, is often attributed to the wholesale destruction of Marian miracle texts that allegedly occurred during the Reformation. Boyarin takes issue with this assumption, arguing that there is no lost corpus. Not only were Miracles of the Virgin an important genre throughout the Middle Ages in England but they survived the Reformation more or less intact. The main reason for this, according to Boyarin, was the miscellaneous nature of their appearance. English Marian miracles, of which survive in Middle English, are found scattered in [End Page] sermons, miscellanies, and legend cycles rather than in dedicated collections, and so escaped the zeal of the reformers. Indeed, she argues that English Marian miracles are characterized by their miscellaneous nature and exemplarity, and as a result are porous and adaptable, able to absorb and expose shifting social and religious contexts. Why this miscellaneous nature might be the case in England and nowhere else Boyarin attributes to the particular cultural and historical conditions relating to the expulsion of the Jews from England in and the growth of the English judicial system throughout the thirteenth century. Miri Rubin and others have noted that English Miracles of the Virgin are marked by a pronounced anti-Semitism. In all these tales, the Virgin acts as an intercessor to effect a miraculous cure, or rescue from the misguided or evil-doing of Jews, and often converts the Jew in the process. In the Jewish Boy of Bourges, the Virgin saves a Jewish boy cast into flames by his father as punishment for taking Christian communion. While the father perishes in the same fire, both the boy and his mother are converted. Boyarin argues that in medieval culture Jews, as keepers of records and accounts, were identified with writing and documents. Similarly Mary, as the bearer of the Word, was seen to have dominion over legalities, embodied in legal documents such as charters. She is both Mary mediatrix and Mary legislatrix. You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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