

The book presents an edition of seventeen *ad status* model sermons for the preaching of the crusades from the thirteenth and early fourteenth centuries, by James of Vitry, Eudes of Châteauroux, Gilbert of Tournai, Humbert of Romans and Bertrand de la Tour.

Most of these texts have never been printed before. They are unique sources for the content of crusade propaganda in the later middle ages, giving a rare insight into the way in which propaganda shaped the public's view of crusading during that period. Accompanying the Latin texts is an English translation which is aimed at making these sources accessible to a wider circle of students and scholars.

The first part of the book consists of a study of the sermons which focuses on their place in the pastoral reform movement of the thirteenth century, their specific character as models for the use of crusade propagandists, their internal structure and the image of the crusade conveyed in the texts.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CCCM	Corpus Christianorum	Continuatio	Mediaevalis	[in progress]
	(Turnhout, 1970ff).			

CCSL Corpus Christianorum Series Latina [in progress] (Turnhout, 1954ff).

CGBP Catalogue général des manuscrits des bibliothèques publiques de France (B. Départements) [in progress] (Paris, 1886ff).

Crane The Exempla or Illustrative Stories from the Sermones Vulgares of Jacques de Vitry, ed. T. F. Crane (London, 1890).

CSEL Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum [in progress] (Vienna, 1866ff).

Hesbert Corpus Antiphonalium Officii, ed. R.-J. Hesbert, 6 vols. (Rerum Ecclesiasticarum Documenta, series maior 7–12; Rome, 1963–79).

MGHSS Monumenta Germaniae Historica. Scriptores [in progress] (Hanover, 1826ff).

PG Patrologiae Cursus Completus. Series Graeca, 161 vols. (Paris, 1857–1945).

PL Patrologiae Cursus Completus. Series Latina, 221 vols. (Paris, 1844–1963).

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