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## DREAMS AND VISIONS IN THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES

Dreams and visions played important roles in the Christian cultures of the early middle ages. But not only did tradition and authoritative texts teach that some dreams were divine: some also pointed out that this was not always the case. Exploring a broad range of narrative sources and manuscripts, Jesse Keskiaho investigates how the teachings of Augustine of Hippo and Pope Gregory the Great on dreams and visions were read and used in different contexts. Keskiaho argues that the early medieval processes of reception in a sense created patristic opinion about dreams and visions, resulting in a set of authoritative ideas that could be used both to defend and to question reports of individual visionary experiences. This book is a major contribution to discussions about the intellectual place of dreams and visions in the early middle ages, and underlines the creative nature of early medieval engagement with authoritative texts.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

AASS	<i>Acta Sanctorum</i>
AASS OSB	<i>Acta Sanctorum, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti</i>
BAV	Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
BC	Biblioteca capitolare
BI	Bibliothèque interuniversitaire – section medicine
BL	British Library
BM	Bibliothèque municipale
BN	Biblioteca nazionale
BNC	Biblioteca nazionale centrale
BNF	Bibliothèque nationale de France
BR	Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique
BSB	Bayerische Staatsbibliothek
B + Arabic numeral	The consecutively numbered manuscript descriptions in Bischoff, <i>Katalog</i> I and II (vol. III reached me too late to be consulted for this book).
CCCM	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Mediaevalis</i>
CCSL	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i>
CLA + Arabic numeral	The consecutively numbered manuscript descriptions in <i>Codices latini antiquiores</i>
CLA Add. + Arabic numeral	The numbered manuscript descriptions in Bischoff and V. Brown, ‘Addenda’
CLA Add. 2 + Arabic numeral	The numbered manuscript descriptions in Bischoff, V. Brown and John, ‘Addenda’
CPL + Arabic numeral	The numbered items in Dekkers and Gaar, <i>Clavis patrum latinorum</i>
CPPM + Arabic numeral	The numbered items in <i>Clavis patristica pseudepigraphorum</i> I–II
CSEL	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
HAB	Herzog August Bibliothek



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MBDS	<i>Mittelalterliche Bibliothekskataloge Deutschlands und der Schweiz</i>
MGH	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica</i>
MGH AA	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Auctores Antiquissimi</i>
MGH Leges	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Leges Nationum Germanicarum</i>
MGH SRG	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Scriptores Rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum</i>
MGH SRM	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Scriptores Rerum Merovingicarum</i>
MGH SS	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Scriptores</i>
ÖNB	Österreichische Nationalbibliothek, Vienna
PG	<i>Patrologiae cursus completus, series Graeca</i>
PL	<i>Patrologiae cursus completus, series Latina</i>
SB	Staatsbibliothek
SB–PK	Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin–Preußische Kulturbesitz
SC	Sources Chrésiennes
SRG	<i>Scriptores rerum Germanicarum ad usum scholarum separatim editi</i>
SRM	<i>Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum</i>
Stegmüller + Arabic numeral	The numbered items in Stegmüller, <i>Repertorium</i>
UB	Universitätsbibliothek