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The book explores the context in which the sacramental world was created and the cultural processes through which it was disseminated, interpreted and used. With attention to the variety of eucharistic meanings and practices – in procession on the feast of Corpus Christi, devotions, prayers, drama, in dissent, abuse and doubt – the author reveals and considers ways in which a religious culture is used as a language for the articulation of order and power, as well as for the most private explorations. The book moves from the 'design' of the eucharist in the twelfth century to its re-design in the sixteenth – a story of the emergence of a symbol, its use and interpretation and final transformation.

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Abbreviations

1200×15	Some time between these years
AASS	<i>Acta sanctorum</i> . . . editio novissima
AFH	<i>Archivum franciscanum historicum</i>
AFP	<i>Archivum fratrum praedicatorum</i>
AH	<i>Analecta hymnica</i>
AHP	<i>Archivum historiae pontificiae</i>
AHR	<i>American historical review</i>
ALK	<i>Archiv für Literatur- und Kirchengeschichte</i>
BL	London British Library
BN	Paris Bibliothèque nationale
CCCM	<i>Corpus christianorum: continuatio medievalis</i>
COD	<i>Conciliorum oecumenicorum decreta</i>
CPL	<i>Calendar of entries in the papal registers relating to Great Britain and Ireland</i>
CUL	Cambridge University Library
DM	<i>Dialogus miraculorum</i>
EETS	Early English Text Society
EETS.ES	Early English Text Society. Extra Series
EETS.SS	Early English Text Society. Supplementary Series
EL	<i>Ephemerides liturgicae</i>
HBS	Henry Bradshaw Society
JEGP	<i>Journal of English and Germanic philology</i>
JEH	<i>Journal of ecclesiastical history</i>
JWCI	<i>Journal of the Warburg and Courtauld Institutes</i>
Mansi	<i>Sacrorum conciliorum nova et amplissima collectio</i>
MGH	<i>Monumenta germaniae historica</i>
MGH.SS	<i>Monumenta germaniae historica: scriptores</i> , Berlin, 1826–
MLN	<i>Modern language notes</i>
MOPH	<i>Monumenta ordinis praedicatorum historiae</i>
MS	<i>Mediaeval studies</i>
PL	<i>Patrologiae cursus completus: series latina</i> , ed. J.-P. Migne, 221 vols., Paris, 1841–64.
PMLA	<i>Publications of the modern language association</i>

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<i>PP</i>	<i>Past and present</i>
<i>PRO</i>	London Public Record Office
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue bénédictine</i>
<i>REED</i>	<i>Records of early English drama</i>
<i>RHE</i>	<i>Revue d'histoire ecclésiastique</i>
<i>RHGF</i>	<i>Recueil des historiens des Gaules et de la France</i>
<i>RIS</i>	<i>Rerum italicarum scriptores</i>
<i>RS</i>	<i>Rolls series</i>
<i>RSPT</i>	<i>Revue des sciences philosophiques et théologiques</i>
<i>SCH</i>	<i>Studies in church history</i>
<i>ST</i>	<i>Summa theologiae</i>
<i>Studia eucharistica</i>	<i>Studia eucharistica DCC¹ anni a condito festo sanctissimi Corporis Christi, 1246–1946, Antwerp, 1946</i>