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This book is a study of Catholic reform, popular Catholicism, and the development of confessional identity in Southwest Germany. Based on extensive archival study, it argues that Catholic confessional identity developed primarily from the identification of villagers and townspeople with the practices of Baroque Catholicism – particularly pilgrimages, processions, confraternities, and the Mass. Thus the book is in part a critique of the confessionalization thesis which currently dominates scholarship in this field.

The book is not, however, focused narrowly on the concerns of German historians. An analysis of popular religious practice and of the relationship between parishioners and the clergy in villages and small towns allows for a broader understanding of popular Catholicism, especially in the period after 1650. Local Baroque Catholicism was ultimately a successful convergence of popular elite, lay and clerical elements, which led to an increasingly elaborate religious style.

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Abbreviations

Archives

EAF	Erzbischöfliches Archiv Freiburg
GLAK	Badisches Generallandesarchiv Karlsruhe
HStAst.	Hauptstaatsarchiv Stuttgart
TLA	Tiroler Landesarchiv (Innsbruck)

Journals

FDA	<i>Freiburger Diözesan Archiv</i>
ŽGO	<i>Žeitschrift für die Geschichte des Oberrheins</i>
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