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Preface

The ambition behind this volume is double. It is to offer an up-to-date cross-disciplinary introduction to the Cistercian Order and to reflect the character and interests of current scholarship. The content is structured in three sections. The first treats, in three chapters, the history of the Order from its foundation until today. Then follow two thematic sections, the main focus of which is the medieval period. The first, 'Structure and materiality', deals with the Order's organisation, its material culture and agricultural production, and with the ever-present dynamic between unity and diversity. The second, 'Religious mentality', centres on authors and educators and on the ideas, texts, preaching and music which emerged from Cistercian monasteries. The chapters stand as individual essays on different aspects of the Order – and not necessarily in unison. In this sense this volume mirrors the composite nature of the Order, and of the research into it.

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Abbreviations

AASS	Acta Sanctorum, ed. Société des Bollandistes (Antwerp, Paris, Brussels, 1643–1940)
ASOC	<i>Analecta Sacri Ordinis Cisterciensis</i>
BHL	Bibliotheca hagiographica latina antiquae et mediae aetatis, ed. Société des Bollandistes <i>et al.</i> (Brussels, 1898–1901 and later)
Canivez, <i>Statuta</i>	J.-M. Canivez (ed.), <i>Statuta capitulorum generalium ordinis cisterciensis</i> , 8 vols. (Louvain, 1933–41)
CCCM	Corpus Christianorum Continuatio Medievalis
CF	Cistercian Fathers Series
Choisselet/ Vernet	D. Choisselet and P. Vernet (eds.), <i>Les ‘Ecclesiastica officia’ cisterciens du XIIème siècle. Texte latin selon les manuscrits étudiés de Trente 1711, Ljubljana 31 et Dijon 114, La documentation cistercienne 22</i> (Reiningue, 1989)
COCR	<i>Collectanea ordinis cistercensium reformatorum</i>
CS	Cistercian Studies Series
CSQ	<i>Cistercian Studies Quarterly</i>
<i>Ep</i>	<i>Epistola</i>
McGinn, <i>Growth</i>	B. McGinn, <i>The Presence of God</i> , vol. II, <i>The Growth of Mysticism: Gregory the Great through the Twelfth Century</i> (New York, 1994)
MGH	Monumenta Germaniae historica
<i>PL</i>	<i>Patrologia Latina</i> , ed. J.P. Migne, 221 vols. (Paris, 1846–95)
<i>RB</i>	<i>Regula Benedicti</i> / Rule of Benedict
<i>RTAM</i>	<i>Recherches de théologie ancienne et médiévale</i>
<i>S</i>	Sermon
SBOp	<i>Sancti Bernardi opera</i> , ed. J. Leclercq, H.M. Rochais and C.H. Talbot, 8 vols. (Rome, 1957–77)
SCh	Sources chrétiennes
<i>VP</i>	<i>Vita Prima</i>
Waddell, <i>Lay</i>	C. Waddell (ed.), <i>Cistercian Lay Brothers: Twelfth-Century Usages with Related Texts</i> , Cîteaux: Studia et Documenta 10 (Brecht, 2000)

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<i>Narrative</i> | C. Waddell (ed.), <i>Narrative and Legislative Texts from Early Cîteaux</i> , Cîteaux: Studia et Documenta 9 (Brecht, 1999) |
| Waddell,
<i>Statutes</i> | C. Waddell (ed.), <i>Twelfth-Century Statutes from the Cistercian General Chapter</i> , Cîteaux: Studia et Documenta 12 (Brecht, 2002) |
| Works by Aelred of Rievaulx
<i>Spec</i> | <i>Speculum caritatis</i> |
| Works by Bernard of Clairvaux
<i>Ann</i> | <i>Sermo in annuntiatione domini</i> |
| <i>Apo</i> | <i>Apologia ad Guillelmum abbatem</i> |
| <i>Asspt</i> | <i>Sermo in assumptione Beatae Mariae Virginis</i> |
| <i>Csi</i> | <i>De consideratione</i> |
| <i>Ded</i> | <i>Sermo in dedicatione ecclesiae</i> |
| <i>Dil</i> | <i>De diligendo Deo</i> |
| <i>Div</i> | <i>Sermo de diversis</i> |
| <i>Gra</i> | <i>De gratia et libero arbitrio</i> |
| <i>Humb</i> | <i>Sermo in obitu domni Humberti</i> |
| <i>Miss</i> | <i>Homilia super 'Missus est' in laudibus virginis matris</i> |
| <i>Nat</i> | <i>Sermo in nativitate domini</i> |
| <i>Pre</i> | <i>De praecepto et dispensatione</i> |
| <i>QH</i> | <i>Sermo super psalmum 'Qui habitat'</i> |
| <i>SC</i> | <i>Sermo super Cantica canticorum</i> |
| <i>Sent</i> | <i>Sententiae</i> |
| <i>V Mal</i> | <i>Vita sancti Malachiae</i> |
| <i>V Nat</i> | <i>Sermo in vigilia nativitatis domini</i> |
| Works by William of Saint Thierry
<i>Aenig</i> | <i>Aenigma fidei</i> |
| <i>Cant</i> | <i>Expositio super Cantica canticorum</i> |
| <i>Contemp</i> | <i>De contemplando Deo</i> |
| <i>Ep frat</i> | <i>Epistula ad fratres de Monte Dei</i> |
| <i>Med</i> | <i>Meditativae orationes</i> |
| <i>Nat am</i> | <i>De natura et dignitate amoris</i> |
| <i>Nat corp</i> | <i>De natura corporis et animae</i> |
| <i>Spec</i> | <i>Speculum fidei</i> |