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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
AASS OSB
BAV
BC
BI
BL
BM
BN
BNC
BNF
BR
BSB
B + Arabic numeral
CCCML
CCSL
CLA + Arabic numeral
CLA Add. + Arabic numeral
CLA Add. 2 +
Arabic numeral
CPPM + Arabic numeral
CSEL
HAB

Acta Sanctorum
Acta Sanctorum, Ordinis Sancti Benedicti
Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana
Biblioteca capitolare
Bibliothèque interuniversitaire – section medicine
British Library
Bibliothèque municipale
Biblioteca nazionale
Biblioteca nazionale centrale
Bibliothèque nationale de France
Bibliothèque Royale de Belgique
Bayerische Staatsbibliothek
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Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Mediaevalis
Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina
The consecutively numbered manuscript descriptions in Codices latini antiquiores
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pseudepigraphorum I–II
Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum
Herzog August Bibliothek
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