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This ambitious book presents the first sustained analysis of the evolving representation of Cuthbert, the premier saint of northern England. The study spans both major and neglected texts across eight centuries, from his earliest depictions in anonymous and Bedan *vitae*, through twelfth-century ecclesiastical histories and miracle collections produced at Durham, to his late medieval appearances in Latin meditations, legends and vernacular verse. Whitehead reveals the coherence of these texts as one tradition, exploring the way that ideologies and literary strategies persist across generations. An innovative addition to the literature of insular spirituality and hagiography, *The Afterlife of St Cuthbert* emphasizes the related categories of place and asceticism. It charts Cuthbert's conceptual alignment with a range of institutional, masculine, northern and national spaces, and examines the distinctive characteristics and changing value of his ascetic lifestyle and environment – frequently constituted as a nature sanctuary – interrogating its relation to his other jurisdictions.

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Abbreviations

AND	David W. Rollason, Margaret Harvey and Michael Prestwich (eds), <i>Anglo-Norman Durham, 1093–1193</i> (Woodbridge, 1994)
<i>Bishopric of Durham</i>	Christian Liddy, <i>The Bishopric of Durham in the Late Middle Ages: Lordship, Community and the Cult of St Cuthbert</i> (Woodbridge, 2008)
BL	British Library
Bodl.	Bodleian Library
<i>Cambridge Companion</i>	Scott DeGregorio (ed.), <i>The Cambridge Companion to Bede</i> (New York, 2010)
<i>Capitula</i>	<i>Capitula de miraculis et translationibus sancti Cuthberti</i> , in <i>Symeonis Dunelmensis Opera et collectanea</i> , Vol. 1, ed. John Hodgson-Hinde, SS 51 (1868), 158–201
CCC	Gerard Bonner, David W. Rollason and Clare Stancliffe (eds), <i>St Cuthbert, His Cult and His Community to AD 1200</i> (Woodbridge, 1989)
CCCM	Corpus Christianorum Continuatio Mediaevalis
‘Community of Cuthbert’	D. J. Hall, ‘The Community of St Cuthbert: Its Properties, Rights and Claims from the Ninth Century to the Twelfth’ (unpublished DPhil dissertation, University of Oxford, 1983)
CUL	Cambridge University Library
DCL	Durham Cathedral Library

<i>De admirandis</i>	Reginald of Durham, <i>Libellus de admirandis beati Cuthberti virtutibus</i> , ed. James Raine, SS 1 (1835)
<i>De mirabilibus</i>	H. H. E. Craster (ed.), ‘The Miracles of St Cuthbert at Farne’, <i>Analecta Bollandiana</i> , 70 (1952), 5–19
<i>De ortu</i>	<i>Libellus de ortu Sancti Cuthberti</i> , in <i>Miscellanea biographica</i> , ed. James Raine, SS 8 (1838), 61–87
<i>Durham Priory</i>	R. B. Dobson, <i>Durham Priory, 1400–1450</i> (Cambridge, 1973)
EETS	Early English Text Society
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>Exortacio</i>	Richard Sharpe (ed.), ‘An <i>Exortacio ad contemplacionem</i> from Farne Island’, <i>Medium Aevum</i> , 54 (1985), 159–77
<i>GL</i>	<i>Gilte Legende</i>
<i>HE</i>	Bede, <i>Ecclesiastical History of the English Peoples</i> / <i>Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum</i> , ed. and trans. Bertram Colgrave and R. A. B. Mynors (Oxford, 1969)
‘Hermits, Hagiography’	Dominic Alexander, ‘Hermits, Hagiography, and Popular Culture: A Comparative Study of Durham Cathedral Priory’s Hermits in the Twelfth Century’ (unpublished PhD dissertation, Queen Mary University of London, 2000)
<i>HSC</i>	Ted Johnson South (ed. and trans.), <i>Historia de Sancto Cuthberto: A History of St Cuthbert and a Record of His Patrimony</i> (Cambridge, 2002)
<i>JEGP</i>	<i>Journal of English and Germanic Philology</i>
<i>Kalendre</i>	<i>The Kalendre of the Newe Legende of Englande</i> , ed. Manfred Görlach (Heidelberg, 1994)
<i>LDE</i>	Symeon of Durham, <i>Libellus de exordio atque procursu istius, hoc est Dunhelmensis ecclesie</i> , ed. and trans. David W. Rollason (Oxford, 2000)

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<i>Meditaciones</i>	David H. Farmer (ed.), ‘The <i>Meditations</i> of the Monk of Farne’, <i>Analecta Monastica</i> , 4 (1957), 141–245
Metrical <i>Life</i>	<i>The Life of St Cuthbert in English Verse</i> , ed. Joseph Fowler, SS 87 (1891)
MGH	Monumenta Germaniae Historica
‘Miracles of Farne’	H. H. E. Craster (intro. and trans.), ‘The Miracles of Farne’, <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , 4th series, 29 (1951), 93–107
‘Misogyny’	Victoria Tudor, ‘The Misogyny of St Cuthbert’, <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> , 5th series, 12 (1984), 157–67
NLA	<i>Nova Legenda Anglie</i> , ed. Carl Horstmann, 2 vols (Oxford, 1901)
<i>North-East England</i>	Margaret Coombe, Anne Mouron and Christiania Whitehead (eds), <i>Saints of North-East England, 600–1500</i> (Turnhout, 2017)
ODNB	Oxford Dictionary of National Biography online
<i>Oswald</i>	Clare Stancliffe and Eric Cambridge (eds), <i>Oswald: Northumbrian King to European Saint</i> (Stamford, 1995)
PL	<i>Patrologia Latina</i> , ed. J.-P. Migne, 221 vols (Paris, 1842–80)
<i>Relics</i>	C. F. Battiscombe (ed.), <i>The Relics of Saint Cuthbert</i> (Oxford, 1956)
‘Rewriting History’	Sally Crumplin, ‘Rewriting History in the Cult of St Cuthbert from the Ninth to the Twelfth Centuries’ (unpublished PhD dissertation, University of St Andrews, 2004)
<i>Rites</i>	<i>Rites of Durham</i> , ed. Joseph T. Fowler, SS 107 (1903)
<i>Saints and Animals</i>	Dominic Alexander, <i>Saints and Animals in the Middle Ages</i> (Woodbridge, 2008)
<i>Saints and Relics</i>	David Rollason, <i>Saints and Relics in Anglo-Saxon England</i> (Oxford, 1989)
SEL	<i>The South English Legendary</i> , ed. Charlotte D’Evelyn and Anna Mill, 3 vols, EETS 235, 236, 244 (1956–9)

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<i>SHR</i>	<i>Scottish Historical Review</i>
SRM	Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum
SS	Surtees Society
<i>Symeonis monachi</i>	<i>Symeonis monachi opera omnia</i> , ed. Thomas Arnold, Rolls Series, 2 vols (London, 1882–5)
<i>Symeon of Durham</i>	David W. Rollason (ed.), <i>Symeon of Durham: Historian of Durham and the North</i> (Stamford, 1998)
TCWAAS	<i>Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society</i>
VCA	Anonymous <i>Vita Sancti Cuthberti</i> , in <i>Two Lives of Saint Cuthbert: A Life by an Anonymous Monk of Lindisfarne and Bede's Prose Life</i> , ed. and trans. Bertram Colgrave (Cambridge, 1940), 60–139
VCM	<i>Bedas metrische Vita Sancti Cuthberti</i> , ed. Werner Jaeger (Leipzig, 1935), 57–133
VCP	Bede, <i>Prose Vita Sancti Cuthberti</i> , in <i>Two Lives of Saint Cuthbert: A Life by an Anonymous Monk of Lindisfarne and Bede's Prose Life</i> , ed. and trans. Bertram Colgrave (Cambridge, 1940), 142–307
<i>Vita Bartholomaei</i>	Geoffrey of Durham, <i>Vita Sancti Bartholomaei Farnensis</i> , in <i>Symeonis monachi</i> , Vol. 1, 295–325
<i>Vita Columbae</i>	<i>Adomnán's Life of Columba</i> , ed. and trans. Alan and Marjorie Anderson (London, 1961)
<i>Vita Godrici</i>	Reginald of Durham, <i>Libellus de vita et miraculis S. Godrici, heremitaie de Finchale</i> , ed. Joseph Stevenson, SS 20 (1847)

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