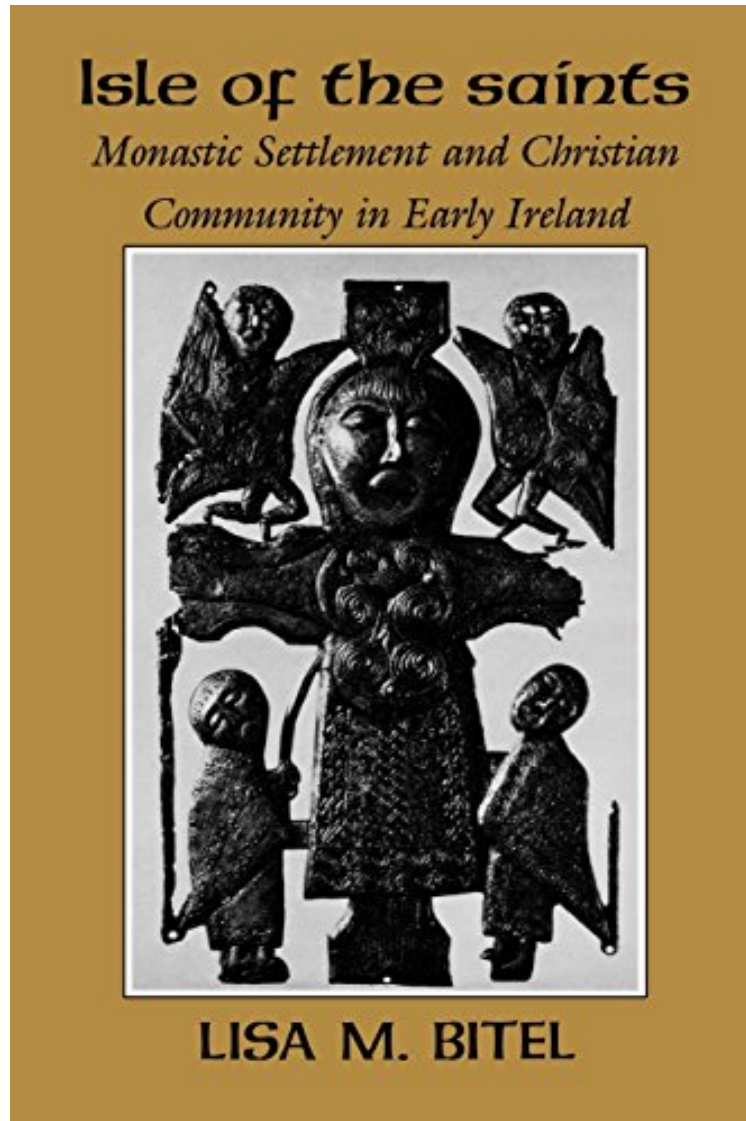


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research on monastic life in Ireland and Scotland. It is very helpful. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Good Early History of Ireland By J - and then some I find this book to be one that I have often gone back to, as a resource. It is well written, easily read, and covers a good deal of early Christian Ireland. I do have one complaint, however, most of these books rest on the written word, and it would be wonderful to see a book that had illustrations that would show what some of the early Christian communities looked like. I haven't found that book yet, but I'm still looking. However, all in all, this book was very helpful. 2 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A Bit Off-Base By SaintME Overall, I think Bitel decently presents her argument well and does her best to support it. However, she seems to have a somewhat idealistic view of the period. Her grasp of the social forces at play is weak, and at points she presents as facts concepts that have long been disproved or contested by historians. While not always accurate, Bitel's "History" may be the one many are comfortable believing to be true.

Isle of the Saints recreates the harsh yet richly spiritual world of medieval Irish monks on the Christian frontier of barbarian Europe. Lisa Bitel draws on accounts of saints' lives written between 800 and 1200 to explain, from the monks' own perspective, the social networks that bound them to one another and to their secular neighbors.

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