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The Cult of Saint George in Medieval England Boydell & Brewer

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Who was St George and how did he become patron saint not only of England but in many European countries? Samantha Riches explores the extraordinary wealth of myths and legends, art and inspiration that has grown up around this obscure fourth-century Christian martyr.

A village. A dragon. A damsel in distress. Into the story walks George: wandering knight, freedom fighter, enemy of tyrants the world over. One epic battle later and a nation is born. As the village grows into a town, and the town into a city, the myth of Saint George which once brought a people together, threatens to divide them.

Features information about the Christian martyr Saint George (Third century A.D.)

Notes that he was adopted in the time of King Edward III of Windsor (1312-1377) as the patron saint of England. Explains that he was beheaded at Lydda in Palestine.

Discusses the legends surrounding Saint George.

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How did a fourth century soldier-saint become so famous throughout the east and west and end up as the patron saint of England? This fascinating book begins with the known facts, before moving on to the mass of legends that grew up around George's name. It explores the saint's vast popularity in England through the ages, and the way his cult endures today, looking at his historical and spiritual significance.

Retells the segment from Spenser's "The Faerie Queene, in which George, the Red

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Cross Knight, slays the dreadful dragon that has been terrorizing the countryside for years and brings peace and joy to the land.

A look at the brutal, brilliant fourteenth-century ruler, by the bestselling author of *The Time Traveler's Guide to Medieval England*. Holding power for over fifty years starting in 1327, Edward III was one of England's most influential kings—and one who shaped the course of English history. Revered as one of the country's most illustrious leaders for centuries, he was also a usurper and a warmonger who ordered his uncle beheaded. A brutal man, to be sure, but also a brilliant one. Noted historian Ian Mortimer offers the first comprehensive look at the life of Edward III. The Perfect King was often the instigator of his own drama, but also overthrew tyrannous guardians as a teenager and ushered in a period of chivalric ideals. Mortimer traces how Edward's reforms made feudal England a thriving, sophisticated country and one of Europe's major military powers. Ideal for anyone fascinated by medieval history, this lively book provides new insight into Edward III's lasting influence on the justice system, artistic traditions, language, and architecture of the country. "The most remarkable medieval historian of our time." —*The Times* (London)

How St. George became the patron saint of England has always been a subject of speculation. He was not English, nor was his principal shrine there - the usual criteria for national patronage ; yet his status and fame came to eclipse that of all other saints. Edward III's use of the saint in his wars against the French established him as a patron and protector of the king ; unlike other saints George was adopted by the English to signify membership of the "community of the realm". This book traces the origins and growth of the cult of St. George, arguing that, especially after Edward's death, George came to represent a "good" politics (deriving from Edward's prosecution of a war with spoils for everyone) and could be used to rebuke subsequent kings for their poor governance. Most medieval kings came to understand this fact, and venerated St. George in order to prove their worthiness to hold their office. The political dimension of the cult never completely displaced the devotional one, but it was so strong that St. George survived the Reformation as a national symbol - one that continues in importance in the recovery of a specifically English identity.

Saint George - he's been depicted in so many ways, across many centuries, and in so many places, you probably think you know England's patron saint. But do you? His story is so wrapped up in the mythology 'of St George' that the real story can be hard to know. He's often associated with monarchy, or more accurately, monarchs often associate themselves with him. This exploration of Saint George by BAFTA-award winning documentary maker and author Stewart Binns sorts out what we know from what we think we know, and is illustrated with some of the countless great works of art, and great British coins, that remind us of his story, and that good always triumphs over evil. This timely examination of Saint George coincides with this year's 200th anniversary of the first use of the definitive St George and the dragon design by Benedetto Pistrucci on the gold sovereign of 1821 - the coin and design have gone on to become synonymous with each other.

St George's Day has become a topic of debate as more and more organizations promote celebrations on 23 April and more people wave the flag of St George to proclaim their allegiance and identity. But who was St George? How did this Near Eastern martyr become England's patron saint and an icon of English culture? And

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what is his relevance for today's secular, multicultural England? New research reveals that from the third century St George was revered as a healer, protector of women and the poor and patron of agriculture and metal-working more than a military dragon-slayer. Discover the origin of the cross of St George and the roles of Richard I, Edward III and Henry VIII in making St George the patron saint of England. With a foreword by Professor Emeritus Dan Brown, this richly-illustrated celebration of English culture shows how St George can be reinterpreted for our times while remaining true to our English heritage. St George can be enlisted in the cause of ecology, the campaign against FGM, and the fight to end modern slavery and resettle refugees. English yet international, revered both by Christians and Muslims, St George is a multicultural figure who symbolizes universal values.

At the heart of the myths and legends surrounding St. George lies the story of an early Christian martyr persecuted by the Roman Empire around the third century AD. But England is only one country to have adopted this soldier saint as their patron. Others, including Germany, Hungary, and Portugal, claim him as their own. The cult of St. George is astonishingly widespread, with churches dedicated to him in Ethiopia, Egypt, and Greece. His heroic struggle and victory against the dragon can be interpreted as representing the bravery of an individual Christian or the eternal battle between good and evil. There are, however, clear parallels between his battle and those of pre-Christian heroes such as Perseus and Beowulf. St. George is also identified with the Islamic hero Al Khidr, who is said to have discovered the fountain of youth. Associated with the coming of spring and functioning as a fertility symbol, has been closely linked to the Green Man of Pre-Christian Myth. St. George has also acted as a symbol of chastity and served as a healing saint. His flag has been appropriated by the far right, but in recent times come to identify a multicultural England.

John House writes on the position of the collection within Impressionism and examines the gradual acceptance of modern French art in England's national museums; Andrew Stephenson places Courtauld's collecting in the context of the cultural politics of England in the period; and John Murdoch discusses his activities in relation to the history of the Courtauld family.

One of a set of 4 books on the national saints of the British Isles, published simultaneously with Saint Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland; Saint David: Patron Saint of Wales; and Saint Andrew: Patron Saint of Scotland. Just who was St George? When and where did he live? And how did he come to be England's patron saint? And what about the famous dragon story? This useful little book covers all these topics providing background information that all patriotic youngsters will be interested to know.

Excerpt from Saint George: Champion of Christendom and Patron Saint of England About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works. A compelling reexamination of the life of St. George is offered in this historical novel about the legendary patron of England and the workings of the Christian church of the third century. Cutting through the embellishments and mythology generated by centuries of enthusiastic storytellers, the author delves into original historical accounts of the man's life and times in order to tell his true story, from the traumatic murder of his father, through his time as a Roman cavalry officer and dazzling military tactician, to his

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struggle to survive the religious persecutions at the sunset of the pagan empire. As they follow St. George's military campaigns against Rome's enemies, readers will journey to the far corners of the Empire, meeting a host of historical figures along the way, including Aurelian, Diocletian, Galerius, Zenobia, and a promising young officer named Constantine.

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