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This selection of writings from the sixth and seventh century AD provides a powerful insight into the early history of the Christian Church in England and Ireland. From Bede's Life of Cuthbert and Lives of the Abbots of Wearmouth and Jarrow to the anonymous Voyage of St Brendan - a whimsical mixture of fact and fantasy that describes a quest for paradise on earth - these are vivid accounts of the profoundly spiritual and passionately heroic lives of Christian pioneers and saints. Both vital religious writings and a revealing insight into the reality of life at a formative time for the church, they describe an era of heroism and bitter conflict, and the rapid spread of the Christian faith.

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Salvatore says

Interesting hagiographies. Bede is on his own level with storytelling and detail in comparison to the other authors collected here. Also it's amusing how sassy people even were in 6th and 7th century England. Glad to have rediscovered this on my bookshelf. It also makes me wonder if someone could write a short story that echoes this type of writing.

Mark Speed says

You didn't expect to see this on my shelves, eh?

Well, I'm a Scot and I'm a Northumbrian. We were both much more civilised than much of the rest of Europe in the 7th and 8th centuries. Indeed, it was Bede's chronicles, written in Jarrow, that ended the Dark Ages. Everyone associates Jarrow with the eponymous 1936 March.

It's hard to fathom just how big the schism was between Rome and the Celtic monasticism of Ireland, Scotland and Northern England. Here are the Venerable Bede and his contemporaries writing the stories of their time. Wonderful, wonderful tales on some of which a nation was founded. One day I shall base some fiction on these. One day soon...

Heather says

This is a useful supplement to study of Bede. It provides some of his shorter works, including his "Lives of the Abbots" and "Life of Cuthbert," along with selections by some of Bede's contemporaries.

Peter B. says

This collection of various documents (mostly biographical works) gives a helpful look into early Medieval Christianity (600s mostly) in England. I particularly enjoyed Bede's Life of Cuthbert and The Voyage of St. Brendan. The church then had its strengths and weaknesses, a particular strength being their familiarity with the Bible and the constant use of the Psalms.

Salli says

Provided this is taken in small chunks (usually just before sleeping) this is a good read. I am not reading this edition but it seems to be the closest available

Jan-Maat says

Nice companion book to Bede's ecclesiastical History of the English Peoples. St Cuthbert's life is nicely complimented by the rich goods found in his grave, St Wilfred comes across as a great Prince of the Anglo-Saxon church and there are fine details in the lives of the Abbots like the shipping in of glass from mainland Europe for the windows of the monastery which was then under construction.

Ephraim Lawson Bowick says

Buy this tome for the Life of Cuthbert alone.

Chris says

Includes Brendan's **Navigatio** and Bede's **Life of Cuthbert**, among other important works. Five stars because of Cuthbert!
