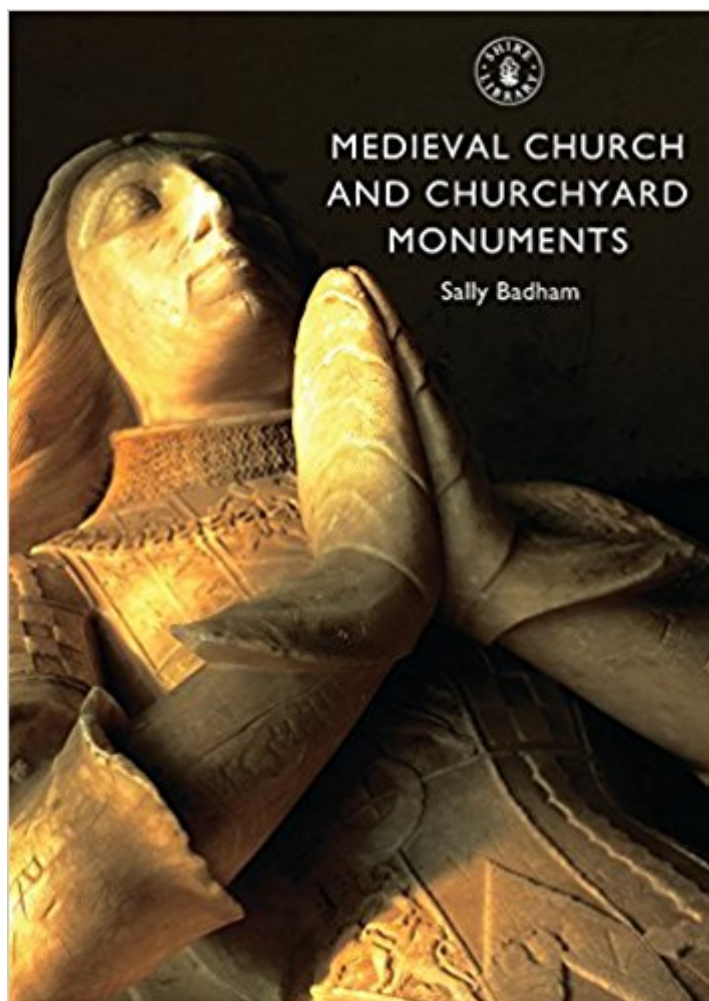


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Customer Reviews

Sally Badham is a leading authority on monuments, having lectured widely and published several books and many articles. She is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, an active member of the Monumental Brass Society, and President of the Church Monuments Society.

I enjoyed it, it wasn't pretentious and was easy to read, you can read the whole thing in about two hours. Has a lot of good tidbits of info and is pretty well organized. The section on monument destruction was really upsetting. She writes very well. A couple of things bugged me. First, the book is full of images but there is no figure numbers or references in the text in the form of (see figure

blah). More than half of the things she talks about have no associated image so without explicit reference you have to keep checking. Another thing bugged me was how no mention was made of the beasts at the feet of so many of the effigies. It is such a prevalent and conspicuous feature of effigies that it seems like it needs some mention and explanation. In the final analysis it was two hours to read, and two hours well spent, in my opinion.

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