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Christian Initiation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit by Kilian McDonnell and George Montague examines the role of the Holy Spirit in Christian initiation from the New Testament to the first eight centuries. The authors provide evidence that the imparting of spiritual gifts, or charisms, was integral to the sacraments of initiation, such as baptism and confirmation. The book argues that the experience of the Holy Spirit is central to the church's liturgy and community life, challenging previous interpretations of baptism as a private spiritual experience. The analysis includes perspectives from early Christian theologians like Tertullian, Origen, and Cyril of Jerusalem. This scholarly work is aimed at theologians, church leaders, and those interested in the historical and theological foundations of Christian practices.