

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910511414703321
Autore	Dunn Marilyn
Titolo	Belief and religion in Barbarian Europe c. 350-700 / Marilyn Dunn
Pubbl/distr/stampa	New York, : Bloomsbury, 2014
ISBN	1-4725-5560-0 1-4411-0023-7
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (246 p.)
Disciplina	274/.02
Soggetti	Christianity and other religions - Germanic Germanic peoples - Religion Conversion - Christianity - History Paganism - Europe - History Europe Church history Europe Church history 600-1500
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Description based upon print version of record.
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index
Nota di contenuto	1. Introduction -- 2. Institutions of Divinity -- 3. Constructing 'Arianism' -- 4. Approaching the Macrocosm -- 5. Bringing God to Mind -- 5. Rest in Peach -- Bibliography -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	This ground-breaking study offers a new paradigm for understanding the beliefs and religions of the Goths, Burgundians, Sueves, Franks and Lombards as they converted from paganism to Christianity between c. 350 and c.700 CE. Combining history and theology with approaches drawn from the cognitive science of religion, <i>Belief and Religion in Barbarian Europe</i> uses both written and archaeological evidence to challenge many older ideas. Beginning with a re-examination of our knowledge about the deities and rituals of their original religions, it goes on to question the assumption that the Germanic peoples were merely passive recipients of Christian doctrine, arguing that so-called 'Arianism' was first developed as an 'entry-level' Christianity for the Goths. Focusing on individual ethnic groupings in turn, it presents a fresh view of the relationship between religion and politics as their rulers attempted to opt for Catholicism. In place of familiar debates about post-conversion 'pagan survivals', contemporary texts and

legislation are analysed to create an innovative cognitive perspective on the ways in which the Church endeavoured to bring the Christian God into people's thoughts and actions. The work also includes a survey of a wide range of written and archaeological evidence, contrasting traditional conceptions of death, afterlife and funerary ritual with Christian doctrine and practice in these areas and exploring some of the techniques developed by the Church for assuaging popular anxieties about Christian burial and the Christian afterlife

---