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|    | Sommario/riassunto             | This book examines a cultural revolution that took place in the<br>Scandinavian artistic landscape during the medieval period. Within just<br>one generation (c. 1340-1400), the Augustinian monastery of Helgafell<br>became the most important centre of illuminated manuscript<br>production in western Iceland. By conducting interdisciplinary research<br>that combines methodologies and sources from the fields of Art<br>History, Old Norse-Icelandic manuscript studies, codicology, and<br>Scandinavian history, this book explores both the illuminated<br>manuscripts produced at Helgafell and the cultural and historical<br>setting of the manuscript production. Equally, the book explores the<br>broader European contexts of manuscript production at Helgafell,<br>comparing the similar domestic artistic monuments and relevant<br>historical evidence of Norwich and surrounding East Anglia in England,<br>northern France, and the region between Bergen and Trondheim in<br>western Norway. The book proposes that most of these workshops are<br>related to ecclesiastical networks, as well as secular trade in the North<br>Sea, which became an important economic factor to western Icelandic<br>society in the fourteenth century. The book thereby contributes to a<br>new and multidisciplinary area of research that studies not only one but<br>several European cultures in relation to similar domestic artistic |

| monuments and relevant historical evidence. It offers a detailed      |
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| account of this cultural site in relation to its scribal and artistic |
| connections with other ecclesiastical and secular scriptoria in the   |
| broader North Atlantic region.  |