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Sommario/riassunto	This is a study of the common social characteristics and circumstances of those among the lay society of twelfth-century England who tended to seek assistance in the form of miracles at the shrines of saints. It aims to make sense of their religious experience and motivation, re-evaluating the religious clichés of devotion found in conventional medieval narratives. - ;Saints and their Communities offers a new approach to the study of lay religion as evidenced in collections of miracle narratives in twelfth-century England. There are a number of problems associated with the interpreta