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the many interests--political, doctrinal, artistic, and gender-driven-that intersect and compete in the exegesis and textual and visual
representations of the Immaculate Conception. She argues that the
Immaculate Conception of Mary proved to be a fertile conceptual and
ideological field wherein the identities of the Spanish state, local
communities, and individuals were negotiated, variously defined, and
contested. The study's broader aim is to delineate a speculative
category, the religious imagination, defined as a spiritual, intellectual,
or artistic pursuit in which the individual is committed to sacred truth
yet articulates this truth through contingent, partial, and contextually
determined theological propositions. The representational status of the
image and its relationship to theories of physical sight and spiritual
vision are central to the author's formulation of this category."--