

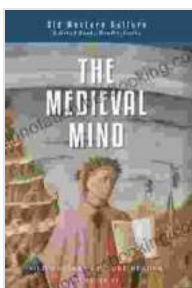
Guibert of Nogent: A Portrait of a Medieval Mind

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Guibert died in 1124. He was buried at the abbey of Saint-Germer-de-Fly.

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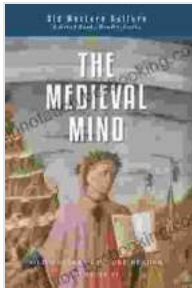
In addition to the *Gesta Dei per Francos*, Guibert also wrote a number of other works. These include:

- **De Incarnatione Verbi** (On the Incarnation of the Word)
- **Monodiae** (Monodies)
- **Tractatus de Sacramentis Novae Legis** (Treatise on the Sacraments of the New Law)
- **Epistolae** (Letters)

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Guibert's legacy is still felt today. His writings continue to be studied by scholars, and they continue to provide insights into the medieval mind. Guibert of Nogent is a reminder that the Middle Ages were a time of great complexity and change. He was a man of his time, but his writings transcend time. They offer valuable insights into the human condition, and they continue to inspire and challenge readers today.



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