



## Jews and Christians in Thirteenth-Century France

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### About the book

In light of the growing tendency to view both religious communities as intimately linked, this work seeks to examine a variety of perspectives on Jewish and Christian life in northern France during the thirteenth-century. Contributors investigate the social and cultural changes which took place in European medieval society through legal developments, religious polemic, gender, social history, perceptions of the 'other,' language, literature and art. A secondary, but no less important goal, of this collection is to break down the artificial boundaries that divide the various academic disciplines and those that separate 'medieval studies' from 'Jewish studies'.

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