The York Mystery Cycle And The Worship Of The City Westfield Medieval Studies

York Mystery Plays-Richard Beadle 1999 This volume offers 22 of the central pageants which make up York's famous Corpus Christi cycle. The York cycle is the oldest and best-known of the English mystery cycles, and its depth and scope are reflected in the selection printed here. The shape of the cycle was governed by subjectmatter of enduring spiritual significance, both to its contemporary audience and in later literary and artistic tradition, and the selection reflects these concerns. Included are plays on the Creation, the Fall of Man, the Incarnation, Passion, and Resurrection of Christ, and the Last Judgement. The Passion sequence has been expanded by six of the eight plays generally attributed to the great poetic dramatist known as the York Realist: the authentic text of these plays is not otherwise available in paperback. As well as providing detailed annotation, this edition offers an introduction which examines the history of the cycle and discusses the immensely popular modern productions in York and elsewhere.

The York Mystery Cycle and the Worship of the City-Pamela M. King 2006 An investigation into the connections between the York Plays, religious observance, and the role played by the city itself.
The York Mystery Plays-Margaret Rogerson 2011 Essays on the York Mystery Plays, uniting voices from the scholarly world with the York community that has assumed responsibility for their production today.
From Creation to Doom-Clifford Davidson 1984
The Nativity Cycle of the York Mystery Plays-Phillips Endecott Osgood 1924
York Mystery Plays and Festival of the Arts ... Presents the York Cycle of Mystery Plays
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Playing a Part in History-Margaret Rogerson 2009-04-04 The York Mystery Plays are a cycle of
originally performed on wagons in the city. They date from the fourteenth century and Biblical
narrative from Creation to Last Judgment. After nearly four hundred years without a performance, a
revival of the York Mysteries began in 1951 when local amateurs led by professional theatre
practitioners staged them during the festival of Britain. Playing a Part in History examines the ways
in which the revival of these plays transformed them for twentieth- and twenty-first-century
audiences. Considering such topics as the contemporary popularity of the plays, the agendas of the
revivalists, and major production differences, Margaret Rogerson provides a fascinating comparison
of medieval and modern English drama. Drawing extensively on archival material, and newspaper
and academic reviews of the plays in recent years, Playing a Part in History is not only an
illuminating account of early English drama, but also of the ways in which theatre allows people to
interact with the past.
The Passion- 1977
Gale Researcher Guide for: The York Corpus Christi Plays-Margaret Rogerson Gale Researcher
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scholarly materials and to gain the confidence and vocabulary needed to pursue deeper research.
Four Levels of Meaning in the York Cycle of Mystery Plays-Jefferey H. Taylor 2006 The York mystery
plays, forty-eight pageants covering sacred history from the creation of the world to the last
judgment, are known from a single manuscript (dating from around 1463-1477). This book presents a major reconsideration of the York plays, arguing that they show a sophisticated use of Boethius' theories about time. The author argues that the discussion about whether the plays were produced by clerics or truly represent folk literature is irrelevant because both groups shared a common world view.

A Rosary of Mystery Plays- 1915
The York Nativity Play. Adapted from the York Mystery Cycle, XIV Century. Arranged by E. Martin Browne. (Revised Edition.).-Elliott Martin BROWNE 1952
The York Cycle of Mystery Plays-J. S. Purvis 1971
The Flood-John Stanley Purvis 1957
The York Cycle of Mystery Plays-York Festival Society 1954
THE YORK CYCLE OF MYSTERY PLAYS : A COMPLETE VERSION. EDITED BY J.S. PURVIS.- 1978
Cyclic Form and the English Mystery Plays-Peter Happe 2004 Cyclic Form and the English Mystery Plays is centred upon the five extant English mystery cycles with a view to examining the cyclic form they share. It is based upon consideration of the differences between the texts and upon the underlying assumptions governing this dramatic form. The cycles are extensively compared with practices in the cyclic dramas of France, the German-speaking areas, Italy, the Netherlands, and Spain in the late middle ages and the early modern period. There is also a unique and innovative bridging with iconographical material from a range of artistic modes giving further insight into the structure and organisation of cyclic form. Cyclic Form and the English Mystery Plays should be of interest to undergraduate students and to more experienced researchers in the early drama and the study of visual images and artefacts.
The York Mystery Plays-Mike Poulton 2017 The story of good versus evil, of life and death, and of love, betrayal, loss and hope. ‘The York Mystery Plays’ are a dramatic cycle on a monumental scale, first performed over 700 years ago in the city of York.

The York Nativity Play-Elliott Martin Browne 1959

Two Mystery Plays from the York Cycle- 1998

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Three Mystery Plays from the York Cycle- 1998

The York Cycle of Mystery Plays-John Stanley Purvis 1978

Shakespeare's Medieval Craft-Kurt A. Schreyer 2014-07-30 In Shakespeare’s Medieval Craft, Kurt A. Schreyer explores the relationship between Shakespeare’s plays and a tradition of late medieval English biblical drama known as mystery plays. Scholars of English theater have long debated Shakespeare’s connection to the mystery play tradition, but Schreyer provides new perspective on the subject by focusing on the Chester Banns, a sixteenth-century proclamation announcing the annual performance of that city’s cycle of mystery plays. Through close study of the Banns, Schreyer demonstrates the central importance of medieval stage objects—as vital and direct agents and not merely as precursors—to the Shakespearean stage. As Schreyer shows, the Chester Banns serve as a paradigm for how Shakespeare’s theater might have reflected on and incorporated the mystery play tradition, yet distinguished itself from it. For instance, he demonstrates that certain material features of Shakespeare’s stage—including the ass’s head of A Midsummer Night’s Dream, the theatrical space of Purgatory in Hamlet, and the knocking at the gate in the Porter scene of Macbeth—were in fact remnants of the earlier mysteries transformed to meet the exigencies of the commercial London playhouses. Schreyer argues that the ongoing agency of supposedly superseded
Theatrical objects and practices reveal how the mystery plays shaped dramatic production long after their demise. At the same time, these medieval traditions help to reposition Shakespeare as more than a writer of plays; he was a play-wright, a dramatic artisan who forged new theatrical works by fitting poetry to the material remnants of an older dramatic tradition.

The York Corpus Christi plays. First staged as early as 1376, the plays were performed annually until the late 1500s and involved as much as a tenth of the city in multiple performances at a dozen or more locations. Introducing a radical new understanding of these plays as "sacramental theater," Beckwith shows how organizing the plays served as a political mechanism for regulating labor, and how theater and sacrament combined in them to do important theological work. She argues, for instance, that the theology of Corpus Christi in the resurrection plays can only be understood as a theatrical exploration of eucharistic absence and presence. Beckwith frames her study with discussions of twentieth-century manifestations of sacramental theater in Barry Unsworth's novel Morality Play and Denys Arcand's film Jesus of Montreal, and the connections between contemporary revivals of the York Corpus Christi plays and England's heritage culture.
In the late Middle Ages, so called 'mystery plays' enjoyed great popularity in English towns and especially in those of the north. Many of these plays were grouped in greater cycles among which the cycle of York, commonly known as the "York Mystery Plays," is the best preserved, and presumably one of the oldest, largest and most elaborate ones as well. Its forty-seven constituent plays are concerned with Christian belief and sacred history, a circumstance reflected in the collection's authentic title - the Corpus Christi play. It is interesting that the term 'mystery plays', an invention of the 18th century, does not only point to the content of the cycle, as the alternative expression 'miracle plays' does. The term simultaneously addresses those associations of people that were responsible for the cycle's staging: the trade and craft guilds of a town. Based on the archaic meaning of the word, denoting a 'handicraft or trade', it was occasionally referred to these guilds as 'mysteries' as well. In the case of the dramatic cycle of York, each individual play was assigned to one (or in some cases two) of these 'mysteries' or guilds. This paper aims at investigating the role these guilds played in the organisation, the funding and the staging of the cycle. It can be argued that aside from their more obvious economic and social functions, the medieval trade and craft guilds also had a cultural function in the narrow meaning of the term. Further can be argued that the Corpus Christi cycle was not only a cultural and a ritual event, but that it had an important social (and perhaps even an economic) function for the city of York and the communal life of its inhabitants. In fact, it may be this interplay of various domains of life and thought that can explain how t
era. In medieval mystery plays, God appeared as one of the characters, along with angels, saints, the devil, and others. Until very recently however, the revival of interest in medieval culture has not included drama, because of a lingering fear of blasphemy associated with the representation of God on the stage. In Britain this fear was the legacy of a theatrical censorship which has been exercised by the Lord Chamberlain's office for hundreds of years. Since that power was abolished in 1968, medieval religious, or mystery, plays are once again appearing on the stages of many countries. John R. Elliott Jr. studies the modern context of this important medieval genre. He begins by describing general attitudes towards religious drama from the time of the reformation, the popularity of the Oberammergau Passion Play in Victorian times, and specific attempts by producers to overcome official hostility to religious plays. He traces the history of the major modern productions of the mystery cycles, such as the York Festival and the Bristol University performance of the Cornish Ordinalia, and provides information about the careers of the two leading pioneers of modern mystery-play production. The concluding chapter discusses the chief practical and aesthetic problems involved in staging mystery plays for modern audiences, and assesses the overall importance of their revival in the larger context of British theatre today.

A Rosary of Mystery Plays-Margaret S. Mooney 2017-09-12 Excerpt from A Rosary of Mystery Plays: Fifteen Plays Selected From the York Cycle of Mysteries Performed by the Crafts on the Day of Corpus Christi in the 14th, and 16th Centuries, Translated From the Middle The complete cycle of forty-eight plays was first printed in 1885. The work of arranging and editing from the old manuscripts was done by Miss Lucy Toulmin Smith in an admirable manner, and the Oxford University Press published it in a beautiful single volume edition. The plays chosen to illustrate the devotion of the Rosary are arranged in three parts: I. The Five Joyful Mysteries. II. The Five
Sorrowful Mysteries. III. The Five Glorious Mysteries. The artistic unity of this series will be readily seen and it is further enhanced by copies of paintings by famous artists, one picture for each play. This book is the outcome of study, followed by the desire of the translator to give to others a portion of the buried treasure of the medieval drama, seldom sought in our day, on account of the difficulties presented by the language of the period of their production. These plays carry with them an atmosphere of religious fervor and devotion found only in works inspired by the gospel stories of our Saviour's life and teaching. They may be read with profit not only as a part of the religious literature of the Middle Ages, but also by Catholics and Protestants alike, as an inspiration to greater devotion, and more sincere and earnest zeal in the service of Him in whose Holy Name we place the hope of our eternal salvation. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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