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## Anchoritic Traditions of Medieval Europe

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**An examination of the growth and different varieties of  
anchoritism throughout medieval Europe.**

Numerous traditions of medieval anchoritism developed in western Europe during the middle ages, as demonstrated by this first comprehensive survey. It covers both an overview of the origins and development across Europe, and a close examination and profile of specific examples of influential anchorites within that region, highlighting their reception by contemporaries and their influences upon the religiosity of the community.

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