Medieval Lives: Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages

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A fascinating look at life in the Middle Ages that focuses on eight extraordinary medieval men and women through realistically invented lives. Medieval Lives: Eight Charismatic Men and Women of the Middle Ages, by Norman F. Cantor, a professor of history, sociology and comparative literature at New York University, here presents lively and engaging biographies, giving the reader a vivid picture of the times. The book includes profiles of four men and four women who are at once representative figures of their time. The women include Hildegard of Bingen, Odo of Cluny, and Bertha of France. The men include Lanfranc, William of Malmsbury, Anselm of Canterbury, and Robert Grosseteste. The narrative is rich with detail and offers a unique perspective on the Middle Ages.