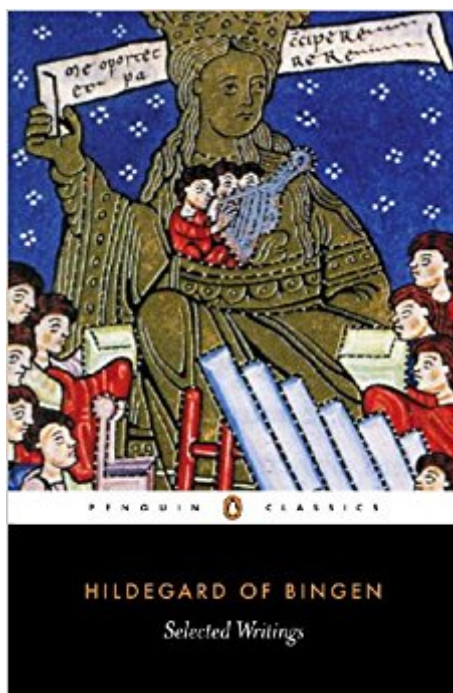


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Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was born into a well-established noble family in Bermensheim and was given to the monastery as a young child. She became a nun and later founded her own

convent at Ruperstberg. With papal approval she wrote down her visions and travelled through Germany preaching. As well as her visionary writing, she composed liturgical music and was skilled in medicine, and was canonized after her death. Mark Atherton teaches English at Regent's Park College, Oxford.

Gorgeous writings by an amazing woman. If you're interested in the lives of saints, mysticism, or women in medieval Europe, this book is excellent.

Hildegard's insights written in the 1100s are just as relevant today. I highly recommend this book to those who desire to know God and His relationship with humans more deeply. Jesus Christ said "Eternal life is to know God (His Father) and Jesus Christ whom He sent." in the Gospel of John 17.3. Life is richer when one realizes this, and full of hope!

A thoughtful introduction to an outstanding woman

This book contains excerpts of Hildegard of Bingen's various writings including her letters to important people of her time. It gave me a picture of her mystical, musical life which included running a monastery and her visions which prompted her to write about natural medicine and herbs. I enjoyed the fact that the book was a sampler of all these arts which made me want to read her writings and listen to her music.

Hildegard of Bingen was a 12th century Benedictine mystic, visionary, writer, composer and a lot more. She wrote beautifully about the visions God gave her. Her writing is in the same ballpark as that of Julian of Norwich, Richard Rolle and the author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*. I realise Mediaeval mystics may not be to everyone's taste but St Hildegard is worth reading if only for the beauty of her writing.

The selections from her writings were well chosen to give a feeling for her images and visions but would have been more useful had some reproductions of her illuminations been included.

Excellent selection of original texts from the writings of St. Hildegard.

Very Good for research papers.

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