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#### **About the Author**

The art historian Kristina Krüger is a specialist in the art and architecture of the Middle Ages. Her research and publications focusing in particular on the relationship between architecture and liturgy make her the ideal author for this book.

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