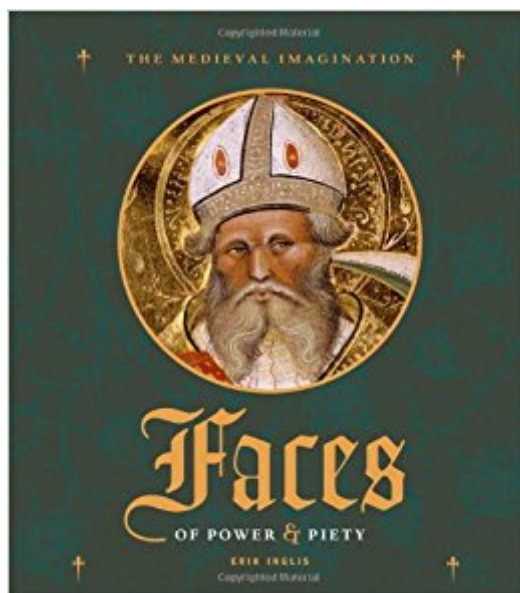


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Erik Inglis teaches medieval art history at Oberlin College in Ohio.

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