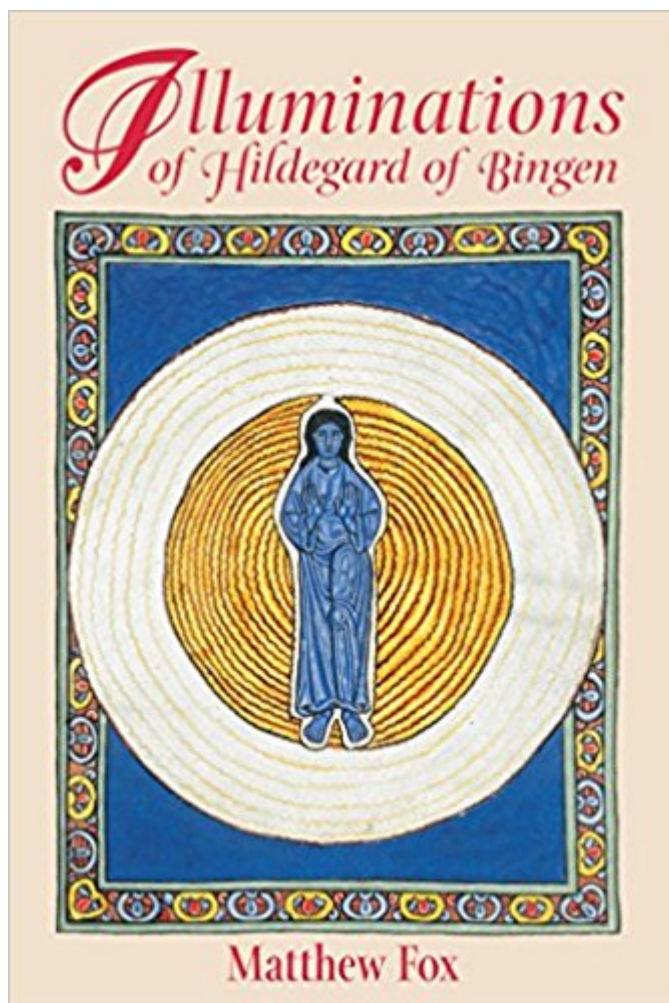


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# Illuminations Of Hildegard Of Bingen



## Synopsis

An introduction to the life and work of Hildegard. ãçâ –Âç Reveals the life and teachings of one of the greatest female artists and intellectuals of the Western Mystical Tradition. ãçâ –Âç Contains 24 full-color illustrations by Hildegard of Bingen. ãçâ –Âç Includes commentary by Matthew Fox, author of *Original Blessing* (250,000 sold). Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was an extraordinary woman living in the Rhineland valley during most of the twelfth century. Besides being the abbess of a large and influential Benedictine abbey, she was a prominent preacher, healer, scientist, and artist. She also was a composer and theologian, writing nine books on theology, medicine, science, and physiology, as well as 70 poems and an opera. At the age of 42, she began to have visions; these were captured as 36 illuminations--24 of which are recorded in this book along with her commentaries on them. She also wrote a text describing these visions entitled *Scivias* (Know the Ways), now published as *Hildegard of Bingen's Mystical Visions*. Author Matthew Fox has stated, "If Hildegard had been a man, she would be well known as one of the greatest artists and intellectuals the world has ever seen." It is a credit to the power of the women's movement and our times that this towering genius of Western thought is being rediscovered in her full grandeur and autonomy. Virtually unknown for more than 800 years in Western history, Hildegard was featured as one of the women in Judy Chicago's *Dinner Party* in the early 1980s and published for the first time in English by Bear & Company in 1982. In addition to her mystical teachings, Hildegard's music has been performed and recorded for a new and growing audience.

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This book is a very powerful resource for understanding the gifts of inspiration that Hildegard of Bingen brings. There are so many books out there on this wonderful woman I found myself downloading many samples to see which was most complete. I found this one to be one of the most helpful. Matthew Fox really has great insight into the soul of this powerful woman. I highly suggest that you get this book. I have found I read it right before I go to bed and then sleep on the wisdom given.

This is awesome, the only book I've found that has almost all of Hildegard Von Bingen's Illuminations. And, on top of that, it has the visions which go with those individual illuminations right next to them which makes it so much easier to follow. This is a must have for Hildegard fans.

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