



Medieval and Renaissance Sculpture in the Ashmolean Museum

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The Ashmolean's collection of European sculpture is among the finest of its kind in the world. The collection accumulated over four centuries, from the dawn of English Art Collecting through to the Victorian period, which saw the arrival of one of the world's great collections of Renaissance bronzes and other sculpture assembled by the scholar-connoisseur C.D.E. Fortnum, as well as further gifts and occasional purchases leading up to the present day. The catalogue covers the Ashmolean's collection dating from 1200 to around 1540. From Romanesque bronzes and Gothic ivories to High Renaissance sculpture, this three-volume set is a meticulous and comprehensive record of over 500 pieces, each one fully illustrated.

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