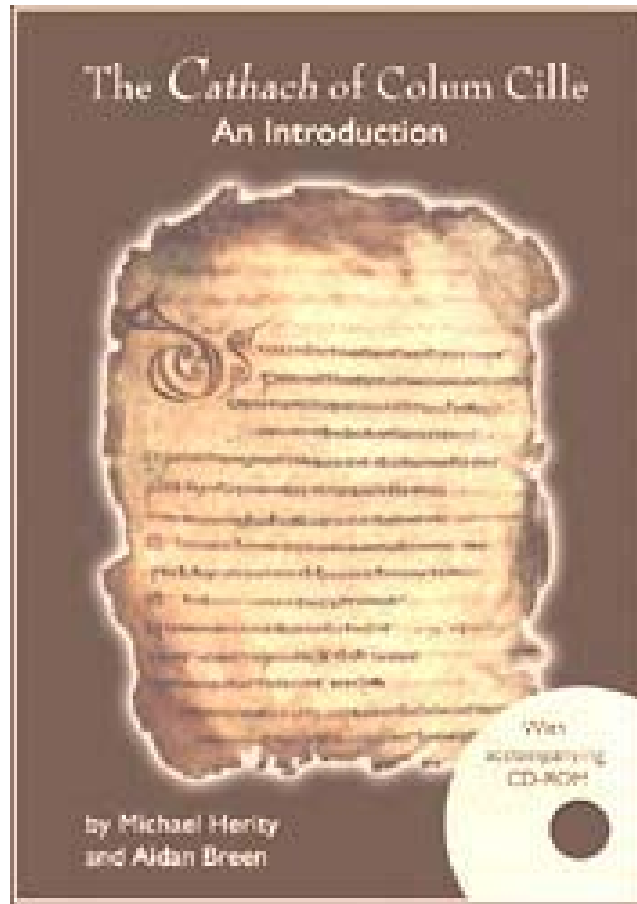


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“To Every Cow Her Calf, So To Every Book It's Copy”



The *Cathach*  
of  
Colum Cille

# Introduction

The *Cathach* is the oldest extant Irish illuminated manuscript, dated to *c.* AD 600. The surviving 58 folios contain Psalms 30:10 to 105:13 (Vulgate version).

Legend has it that Colum Cille copied the manuscript from a Psalter lent to him by St Finnian. A dispute over the ownership of the copy was resolved by the King of Tara in a very early copyright ruling: 'To every cow her calf, so to every book its copy.'

A full-colour 84-page booklet introduces readers to the provenance, art history and biblical content of the manuscript.

The accompanying interactive CD-ROM presents the manuscript in digitised form, with a brief overview of its origins and art history. The manuscript folios can be read against a transcription by H.J. Lawlor or an English version of the relevant psalms.

A zoom facility up to 400% allows art historians, calligraphers, palaeographers and other researchers to examine the script and illuminated initials in detail.

The CD-ROM has a minimum recommended spec of 233Mhz with 32mb of RAM and is compatible with both Mac and PC.

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