



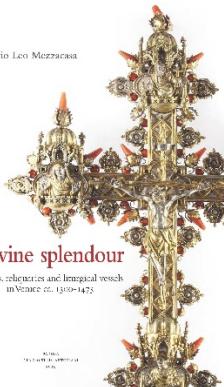
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This book is the first comprehensive study of goldsmiths' art in Venice in the 14th and 15th centuries. The study places the cult of relics in its historical context and scholarly discourse and provides an overview of the types of liturgical vessels crafted in the Middle Ages. It investigates the material and social dimension of the goldsmiths' art in medieval and early-Renaissance Venice, and the role of relics, reliquaries, and liturgical vessels in domestic devotion. This is exemplified through case studies, one of which focuses on an important late-13th-century filigree cross in the Cloisters collection of New York City. The book brings to light several hitherto unstudied objects, and explores new approaches, studying several liturgical vessels in light of developments in contemporary sculpture. The study concludes with an investigation of the *Reliquary of St. Martha*, made for the female monastery of Santa Marta in Venice by the German goldsmith Zuane Lion in 1472. An introduction by Giovanna Valenzano and foreword by Giovanna Baldissin precede the text. Copious illustrations, many of objects which are not on public display, bring to life the forgotten art of the medieval goldsmith.

Sommario in lingua italiana

Questo libro è il principale contributo sull'oreficeria veneziana dei secoli XIV e XV apparso negli ultimi decenni. Lo studio procede dal culto delle reliquie come fenomeno storico, offre una digressione sulle diverse tipologie di suppellettili liturgiche e presenta il panorama storiografico con particolare attenzione al contesto veneziano; delinea la dimensione sociale e materiale dell'orefice nel contesto veneto e veneziano tra Medioevo e Rinascimento; indaga il ruolo di reliquie, reliquiari e altri manufatti nell'ambito della devozione domestica. Casi di studio affrontano importanti opere quali una croce in filigrana di fine duecento conservata ai Cloisters a New York e il *Reliquiario di Santa Marta* proveniente dall'omonimo convento femminile veneziano, ora conservato al Louvre. Il volume presenta inoltre una molteplicità di manufatti, alcuni dei quali misconosciuti o persino inediti, offrendo nuove informazioni e indagandoli da nuove angolature. Introduzione di Giovanna Valenzano, postfazione di Giovanna Baldissin. Questo libro, riccamente illustrato, con molte immagini di opere non visibili al pubblico, riporta l'attenzione su un'arte fondamentale quale l'oreficeria.



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