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Jocelin of Furness came from the Cistercian Abbey in the part of Lancashire now in Cumbria, founded in the early twelfth century. He was a specialist in the writing of saints lives, and four of his works survive, biographies of St Patrick (the apostle of Ireland), St Kentigern (patron saint of Glasgow), St Waltheof (abbot of Melrose) and St Helena (mother of Constantine). In July 2011 a conference was held at the Abbey Hotel in Furness to reconsider this important character and this volume publishes the papers from the conference.

Janet Burton establishes the early history of the Abbey; Fiona Edmonds explores the Abbey's far-flung international connections and Jocelin's role in the late twelfth-century multi-national industry of hagiography; Marie-Therese Flanagan studies Jocelin's Life

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