

[PDF] A Rare Benedictine The Advent Of Brother Cadfael

Recognizing the quirk ways to get this book **a rare benedictine the advent of brother cadfael** is additionally useful. You have remained in right site to start getting this info. acquire the a rare benedictine the advent of brother cadfael partner that we offer here and check out the link.

You could purchase guide a rare benedictine the advent of brother cadfael or get it as soon as feasible. You could quickly download this a rare benedictine the advent of brother cadfael after getting deal. So, when you require the ebook swiftly, you can straight get it. Its thus unconditionally simple and appropriately fats, isnt it? You have to favor to in this ventilate

A Rare Benedictine-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 "Three classic stories featuring Brother Cadfael . . . whose powers of deduction are practically miraculous" in the Silver Dagger-winning medieval mystery series (Booklist). "Brother Cadfael sprang to life suddenly and unexpectedly when he was already approaching sixty, mature, experienced, fully armed and seventeen years tonsured." So writes Ellis Peters in her introduction to A Rare Benedictine—three vintage tales of intrigue and treachery featuring the monastic sleuth who has become the best-loved ecclesiastical detective since Father Brown. Although Cadfael has appeared in twenty novel-length chronicles, the story of his entry into the monastery at Shrewsbury has been known hitherto only to a few readers. Now his myriad fans can discover the chain of events that led him into the Benedictine Order.

A Rare Benedictine: The Advent Of Brother Cadfael-Ellis Peters 2014-06-02 Set in the Year of Our Lord 1120, three tales of intrigue and treachery, featuring the chain of events that led one-time crusader Cadfael into the Benedictine Order.

Brother Cadfael's Penance-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 To save his estranged son, a monk risks breaking his vows in this "moving and suspenseful" entry in the Silver Dagger Award-winning medieval mystery series (Booklist). For Brother Cadfael in the autumn of his life, the mild November of our Lord's year 1145 may bring a bitter—and deadly—harvest. England is torn between supporters of the Empress Maud and those of her cousin Stephen. The civil strife is about to jeopardize not only Cadfael's life, but his hopes of Heaven. While Cadfael has sometimes bent the abbey's rules, he has never broken

his monastic vows—until now. Word has come to Shrewsbury of a treacherous act that has left thirty of Maud's knights imprisoned. All have been ransomed except Cadfael's secret son, Olivier de Bretagne. Conceived in Cadfael's soldiering youth and unaware of his father's identity, Olivier will die if he is not freed. Like never before, Cadfael must boldly defy the abbot. The good brother forsakes the order to follow his heart—but what he finds will challenge his soul.

The Heretic's Apprentice-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 Charges of heresy and murder are complicated by the contents of a mysterious treasure chest In the summer of 1143, William of Lythwood arrives at the Benedictine Abbey of St. Peter and St. Paul, but it is not a joyous occasion—he's come back from his pilgrimage in a coffin. William's body is accompanied by his young attendant Elave, whose mission is to secure a burial place for his master on the abbey grounds, despite William's having once been reprimanded for heretical views. An already difficult task is complicated when Elave drunkenly expresses his own heretical opinions, and capital charges are filed. When a violent death follows, Sheriff Hugh Beringar taps his friend Brother Cadfael for help. The mystery that unfolds grows deeper thanks to a mysterious and marvelous treasure chest in Elave's care.

Dead Man's Ransom-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 Brother Cadfael must intervene when a prisoner exchange is interrupted by love and murder, in the Silver Dagger Award-winning medieval mystery series. In February of 1141, men march home from war to Shrewsbury, but the captured sheriff Gilbert Prestcote is not among them. Elis, a young Welsh prisoner, is delivered to the Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul to begin a tale that will test Brother

Cadfael's sense of justice—and his heart. By good fortune, it seems, the prisoner can be exchanged as Sheriff Prestcote's ransom. What no one expects is that good-natured Elis will be struck down by cupid's arrow. The sheriff's own daughter holds him in thrall, and she, too, is blind with passion. But regaining her father means losing her lover. The sheriff, ailing and frail, is brought to the abbey's infirmary—where he is murdered. Suspicion falls on the prisoner, who has only his Welsh honor to gain Brother Cadfael's help. And Cadfael gives it, not knowing the truth will be a trial for his own soul.

The Summer of the Danes-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 The twelfth-century Welsh monk is caught up in civil war and captured by Danish mercenaries, in the Silver Dagger Award-winning medieval mystery series. In the summer of 1144, a strange calm has settled over England. The armies of King Stephen and the Empress Maud, the two royal cousins contending for the throne, have temporarily exhausted each other. On the whole, Brother Cadfael considers peace a blessing. Still, a little excitement never comes amiss to a former soldier, and Cadfael is delighted to accompany a friend on a mission of diplomacy to his native Wales. But shortly after their arrival, the two monks are caught up in another royal feud. The Welsh prince Owain Gwynedd has banished his brother Cadwaladr, accusing him of the treacherous murder of an ally. The reckless Cadwaladr has retaliated by landing an army of Danish mercenaries, poised to invade Wales. As the two armies teeter on the brink of bloody civil war, Cadfael is captured by the Danes and must navigate the brotherly quarrel that threatens to plunge an entire kingdom into chaos.

The Confession Of Brother Haluin-Ellis Peters 2014-06-02 December, 1142. A brother of Shrewsbury Abbey suffers a fall that almost kills him. He makes a shocking deathbed confession to Brother Cadfael. When the man recovers Cadfael accompanies him on an arduous journey to redeem his past sins. Brother Cadfael: The Complete Chronicles-Ellis Peters 2016-12-01 THE COMPLETE CADFAEL CHRONICLES: 21 ebooks in one. Seventy years have passed since the conquest of England by William of Normandy. But following the death of Henry I, with no male heir, the country is divided – the armies of Henry's daughter the Empress Maud and her cousin, King Stephen, mass to the West and East. Each would claim the crown. Beset by civil strife, caught between Stephen's forces and the kingdoms of Wales, life in the border town of Shrewsbury continues as best it can. Even the Benedictine brothers of the Order of St Peter and St Paul cannot escape the

encroaching war. And more often than not, the Abbey herbalist, a healer and skilled observer of human nature, Brother Cadfael, is called upon to use his more worldly talents in pursuit of justice. Cadfael ap Meilyr ap Dafydd (known simply as Brother Cadfael) is a Welsh monk, herbalist and apothecary of Shrewsbury Abbey. He entered the Benedictine order in 1120 after sixteen years in the armies of Britain and Normandy. As a soldier and sea captain he fought in the Holy Land, serving at the fall of Antioch and the storming of Jerusalem. As a young man, he was betrothed to Richildis Gurney, but never married. He has an illegitimate son, Olivier de Bretagne, by the Saracen widow Mariam of Antioch. This ebook contains: A RARE BENEDICTINE: The Advent of Brother Cadfael. A MORBID TASTE FOR BONES. ONE CORPSE TOO MANY. MONK'S HOOD. SAINT PETER'S FAIR. THE LEPER OF SAINT GILES. THE VIRGIN IN THE ICE. THE SANCTUARY SPARROW. THE DEVIL'S NOVICE. DEAD MAN'S RANSOM. THE PILGRIM OF HATE. AN EXCELLENT MYSTERY. THE RAVEN IN THE FOREGATE. THE ROSE RENT. THE HERMIT OF EYTON FOREST. THE CONFESSION OF BROTHER HALUIN. THE HERETIC'S APPRENTICE. THE POTTER'S FIELD. THE SUMMER OF THE DANES. THE HOLY THIEF. BROTHER CADFAEL'S PENANCE.

A Morbid Taste for Bones-Ellis Peters 1977 The attempts by English Benedictine monks to transfer to their monastery the sacred bones of an obscure Welsh saint are hindered by strange visitations a the murder of a Welsh villager.

One Corpse Too Many-Ellis Peters 2014-06-02 In the Summer of 1138, war between King Stephen and the Empress Maud takes Brother Cadfael from the quiet world of his garden to the bloody battlefield.

Monk's Hood-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 Silver Dagger Award Winner: In this medieval mystery, Brother Cadfael faces suspicion when one of his herbal ingredients is used to kill a man. Gervase Bonel is a guest of Shrewsbury Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul when he suddenly takes ill. Luckily, the abbey boasts the services of the clever and kindly Brother Cadfael, a skilled herbalist. Cadfael hurries to the man's bedside, only to be confronted with two surprises: In Master Bonel's wife, the good monk recognizes Richildis, whom he loved before he took his vows—and Master Bonel has been fatally poisoned by monk's-hood oil from Cadfael's stores. The sheriff is convinced that the murderer is Richildis's son, Edwin, who hated his stepfather. But Cadfael, guided in part by his concern for a woman to whom he was once betrothed, is certain of her son's innocence. Using his knowledge of both

Downloaded from liceolefilandiere.it on January 20, 2021 by guest

herbs and the human heart, Cadfael deciphers a deadly recipe for murder. The Face of a Stranger-Anne Perry 2008 "Richly textured with the sights and sounds of London and its countryside...Solidly absorbing and Perry's best to date." THE KIRKUS REVIEWS His name, they tell him, is William Monk, and he is a London police detective. But the accident that felled him has left him with only half a life; his memory and his entire past have vanished. As he tries to hide the truth, Monk returns to work and is assigned to investigate the brutal murder of a Crimean War hero and man about town. Which makes Monk's efforts doubly difficult, since he's forgotten his professional skills along with everything else.... A Dual Main Selection of the Mystery Guild From the Paperback edition.

Dust-Joseph A. Amato 2001 A history of this minute particle spans a thousand years of Western civilization, from the naturalism of the medieval period through the intensely curious Renaissance, to the modern worlds of nanotechnology and viral research.

The House on the Roof-Mignon Good Eberhart 1996-01-01 Deborah, under suspicion, returns alone to the scene where a gaudy diva was murdered—to the house on the rooftop of a Chicago apartment building. "She reached the roof and emerged at the opening of the parapet wall. Flat, black, and dirty. Chimneys, incinerators, ventilators. The house itself, dark and dingy and passive. Nothing moved. . . . No sound except, away below, the murmur of a passing automobile. . . . Quite suddenly she realized that if she had removed the threat of the police she had also removed their protection." In a few moments she will face sheer dizzying horror.

A Morbid Taste For Bones-Ellis Peters 2014-06-02 In 1137, the Abbot of Shrewsbury decides to acquire the remains of St Winifred. Brother Cadfael is part of the expedition sent to her final resting place in Wales and they find the villagers passionately divided by the Benedictines' offer for the saint's relics.

The Pilgrim of Hate-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 A monk must find a killer among a flood of religious pilgrims in this medieval mystery by the Edgar Award-winning author: "A series like no other" (TheSan Diego Union-Tribune). In the year of our Lord 1141, civil war over England's throne leaves a legacy of violence—and the murder of a knight dear to Brother Cadfael. And with gentle bud-strewn May, a flood of pilgrims comes to the celebration of Saint Winifred at the Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, carrying with it many strange souls—and perhaps the knight's killer. Brother Cadfael's shrewd eyes see all: the prosperous merchant who rings

false, an angelic lame boy, his beautiful dowerless sister, and two wealthy penitents. In the name of justice Cadfael decides to uncover the strange and twisted tale that accompanies these travelers. Instead he unearths a quest for vengeance, witnesses a miracle, and finds himself on a razor's edge between death and the absolution of love.

The Starcomber-Alfred Bester 2013-12-06 Take two parts of Beelzebub, two of Israfel, one of Monte Cristo, one of Cyrano, mix violently, season with mystery and you have Mr. Solon Aquila. He is tall, gaunt, sprightly in manner, bitter in expression, and when he laughs his dark eyes turn into wounds. His occupation is unknown. He is wealthy without visible means of support. He is seen everywhere and understood nowhere.

The Saint John's Bible- 2005 "A full-color reproduction of the handwritten and illuminated work, The Saint John's Bible, in seven volumes"--Provided by publisher.

The Potter's Field-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 The medieval monk digs for clues when a body is unearthed by a plow: "His detecting talents are as dazzling as ever" (Publishers Weekly). When a newly plowed field recently given to the Benedictine Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul yields the body of a young woman, Brother Cadfael is quickly thrown into a delicate situation. The field was once owned by a local potter named Ruald, who had abandoned his beautiful wife, Generys, to take monastic vows. Generys was said to have gone away with a lover, but now it seems as if she had been murdered. With the arrival at the abbey of young Sulien Blount, a novice fleeing homeward from the civil war raging in East Anglia, the mysteries surrounding the corpse start to multiply.

Atchison Blue-Judith Valente 2013-09-09 In this meditative spiritual memoir, Judith Valente, celebrated PBS religion journalist and celebrated poet, invites readers along on her transformative pilgrimages to Mount St. Scholastica monastery in Atchison, Kansas. The Benedictine sisters who invited Valente presented her with a view of monastic life and wisdom that brought spiritual healing to her fast-paced life--and promises to do the same for her readers. The first time Judith Valente arrived at Mount St. Scholastica monastery, she came prepared to teach a course on poetry and the soul. Instead, she found herself the student, taking lessons from the Benedictine sisters in the healing nature of silence, how to cultivate habits of mindful living, and the freeing reality that conversion is a lifelong process. With the heart of a poet and the eye of a journalist, she tells how her many visits and interviews with the Benedictine sisters forced her to

confront aspects of her own life that needed healing—a journey that will invite readers to healing of their own. A beautiful and heartfelt work that crosses *The Cloister Walk* with *Tuesdays with Morrie*, *Atchison Blue* will resonate with readers of Thomas Merton, Henri Nouwen, Mary Gordon, and Anne Lamott.

The Apothecary Rose-Candace Robb 2015-07-28 This mystery in medieval England is “suspenseful, historically accurate, and blessed with a wonderful cast of characters . . . An absolute delight” (Charles de Lint, author of the *Newford Series*). It is Christmastide, 1363, and two suspicious deaths in the infirmary of St. Mary’s Abbey catch the attention of the powerful John Thoresby, Lord Chancellor of England and Archbishop of York. One victim is a pilgrim, while the second is Thoresby’s ne’er-do-well ward, both apparently poisoned by a physic supplied by Master Apothecary Nicholas Wilton. In the wake of these deaths, the archbishop dispatches one-eyed spy Owen Archer to York to find the murderer. Under the guise of a disillusioned soldier keen to make a fresh start, Owen insinuates himself into Wilton’s apothecary as an apprentice. But he finds Wilton bedridden, with the shop being run by his lovely, enigmatic wife, Lucie. As Owen unravels a tangled history of scandal and tragedy, he discovers at its center a desperate, forbidden love twisted over time into obsession. And the woman he has come to love is his prime suspect. “Essential for historical fans.” —*Library Journal* “[Robb] lives up to the standard set by master medievalist Ellis Peters.” —*Booklist*

British Mystery and Thriller Writers Since 1960-Gale Cengage 2003 Spans much of the modern history of the mystery genre and, along with it, many of the political and social changes from the classical detective story, the World War II spy story, and the Cold War thriller to postmodern detective and spy adventures and the politics of terrorism and confrontation of the twenty-first century.

The Vikings-Howard La Fay 1972 A recounting "of the Northmen as determined by archeologists" and a study of the world of the Norse gods and the Viking leaders: Exic Bloodax, Leif the Lucky, Olef the Stour, and Harold Handraada.

Chambers of Death-Priscilla Royal 2011-09-30 When one of her company falls ill on a return journey to Tyndal, Prioress Eleanor accepts lodging at a nearby manor. Master Stevyn's wife is having an affair with the groom while a local widow acts more the lady of the manor than the lady herself. His eldest son and spouse are obsessed with sin and heaven while his youngest

son, bound for the Church, unexpectedly returns with more interest in lute playing than the priesthood. It is no surprise when someone's throat is cut, but the sheriff does all he can to avoid offending the family rather than seeking the real killer. When he arrests a servant, she herself is stabbed before she can either prove innocence or be taken off for hanging. Will Eleanor discover the dark secrets that have led to this string of killings before the murderer strikes again?

Quill & Quire- 1988

The Hermit of Eyton Forest-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 “Bodies and red herrings pile up in a satisfying way” in the Silver Dagger Award-winning medieval mystery series starring Brother Cadfael (*Library Journal*). The year is 1142, and England is in the grip of civil war. Within the cloisters of the Benedictine Abbey of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, there begins a chain of events no less momentous than the upheavals of the outside world. It starts with the sad demise of Richard Ludel, Lord of Eyton, whose ten-year-old son and heir, also named Richard, is a pupil at the abbey. The boy refuses to surrender his newly inherited powers to Dionysia, his furious, formidable grandmother. A stranger to the region is the hermit Cuthred, who enjoys the protection of Lady Dionysia, and whose young companion, Hyacinth, befriends Richard. Despite his reputation for holiness, Cuthred’s arrival heralds a series of mishaps for the monks. When a corpse is found in Eyton forest, Brother Cadfael must devote his knowledge of human nature to tracking down a ruthless murderer.

The Man Who Would Be Sherlock-Christopher Sandford 2018-12-04 A world-famous biographer reveals the strange relationship between Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's real life and that of Sherlock Holmes in the engrossing *The Man Who Would Be Sherlock*. Though best known for the fictional cases of his creation Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle was involved in dozens of real life cases, solving many, and zealously campaigning for justice in all. Stanford thoroughly and convincingly makes the case that the details of the many events Doyle was involved in, and caricatures of those involved, would provide Conan Doyle the fodder for many of the adventures of the violin-playing detective. There can be few (if any) literary creations who have found such a consistent yet evolving independent life as Holmes. He is a paradigm that can be endlessly changed yet always maintains an underlying consistent identity, both drug addict and perfect example of the analytic mind, and as Christopher Sandford demonstrates so clearly, in many of these respects he mirrors his creator.

Downloaded from liceolefilandiere.it on January 20, 2021 by guest

Holiday with Violence-Ellis Peters 2016-03-01 English teens on vacation in Italy are caught up in a murderous conspiracy, from the Edgar Award-winning author of the Chronicles of Brother Cadfael. On a train ride across Northern Italy, a quartet of young English tourists en route to Venice are charmed by a kindly older fellow passenger. Inviting them into his first-class compartment, their new friend, Signore Galassi, beguiles them with stories, anecdotes, and fascinating facts about the lush Italian countryside. But once the train deposits them all in Turin, a dark cloud settles over the Brits' carefree holiday. After discovering that their elderly traveling companion has been brutally attacked and robbed, the distraught students vow to scour this unfamiliar city and find his assailant. Unbeknownst to the young British visitors, they have something in their possession that ties into a greater, even more terrible crime. Their hunt could have unexpected and very deadly consequences, for now their quarry is hunting them. The Edgar, Agatha, and Gold Dagger Award-winning author of the Brother Cadfael Mysteries is "highly recommended for those who still like a proper five course whodunit with all the trimmings" (The Sunday Times).

Kliatt Young Adult Paperback Book Guide- 2002

All about Alligators-Jim Arnosky 2008-05 Describes the physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior of the alligator, including how it hunts its prey, why it sometimes attacks humans, and how it contributes to the ecological health of wetlands.

All Creation Waits-Gayle Boss 2016-10-01 Open a window each day of Advent onto the natural world.

The Bibliography of Regional Fiction in Britain and Ireland, 1800-2000-K. D. M. Snell 2002 Pioneering and interdisciplinary in nature, this bibliography constitutes a comprehensive list of regional fiction for every county of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England over the past two centuries. In addition, other regions of a usually topographical or urban nature have been used, such as Birmingham and the Black Country; London; The Fens; the Brecklands; the Highlands; the Hebrides; or the Welsh border. Each entry lists the author, title, and date of first publication. The geographical coverage is encompassing and complete, from the Channel Islands to the Shetlands. An original introduction discusses such matters as definition, bibliographical method, popular readerships, trends in output, and the scholarly literature on regional fiction.

The Gift of the Magi-O. Henry 2009-06-01 The Gift of the Magi is a treasured short story written by O. Henry. A young and very much in love

couple can barely afford their one-room apartment, let alone the extra expense of getting Christmas presents for one another. But each is determined to show their love for the other in this traditional time of giving; each sells a thing they hold most dear in order to afford a present, with poignant and touching results that capture their love for one another. On Crusade-Katherine Kurtz 2009-05-30 The bestselling author of the Deryni fantasy series has compiled a new collection of stories about a mysterious and romantic order of medieval knights, featuring tales written by Andre Norton, Deborah Turner Harris, and other of today's leading fantasists.

Satan's Lullaby-Priscilla Royal 2015-02-03 It is the autumn of 1278. The harvest is in. The air is crisp. Dusty summer breathes a last sigh before the dark seasons arrive. For Prioress Eleanor, dark times arrive early in Norfolk. Abbess Isabeau, the head of her order, has sent Father Etienne Davoir from its headquarters in France to inspect all aspects of Tyndal Priory from its morals to its roofs. Surely the Abbess would not have chosen her own brother for this rare and thorough investigation unless the cause was serious and she had reason to fear intervention from Rome. Prioress Eleanor knows something is terribly amiss. The situation turns calamitous when Davoir's sick clerk dies from a potion sent by Sister Anne, Tyndale's sub-infirmarian. Is Sister Anne guilty of simple incompetence - or murder? Or, Davoir asks, did Prioress Eleanor order the death to frighten him away before he discovered the truth behind accusations she is unfit for her position? When Davoir himself is threatened, the priest roars for justice. Even expectant father Crowner Ralf, the local representative of the king's justice, has lost all objectivity. The most likely suspects are Anne, the woman Ralf once loved, the prioress he respects, and the Tyndal monk, Thomas, who is his closest friend. Who among the French and English assembled at Tyndal has succumbed to Satan's lullaby?

The Canary Keeper-Clare Carson 2019-06-13 'Reads like a classic nineteenth-century mystery with a twist, richly dark and full of gaslit menace' LESLEY THOMSON. They will see me hang for this. London, 1855. In the grey mist of the early morning a body is dumped on the shore of the Thames by a boatman in a metal canoe. The city is soon alive with talk of the foreign killer and his striking accomplice: a young woman dressed in widow's weeds. Branna 'Birdie' Quinn's sleeplessness led her to the river that morning, but was it only thoughts of her drowned husband that kept her awake? She has always been wilful, haughty, different... but is she a

Downloaded from liceolefilandiere.it on January 20, 2021 by guest

murderess? To clear her name, Birdie must retrace the dead man's footsteps to Orkney and the far north. A dangerous journey for a woman alone, but one she must make in order to save her neck from the hangman's noose. This gripping, richly layered historical thriller is perfect for fans of *The Familiars*, *The House Between Tides* and *The Confessions of Franny Langton*. Reviews for Clare Carson: 'Superb storytelling, clever and convoluted plotting, and a wonderful sense of time and place' CRIME REVIEW. 'Meaty, beautifully written and original' IRISH INDEPENDENT. 'Original and absorbing' LITERARY REVIEW.

The Holy Thief-Ellis Peters 2014-08-05 Strangers seek refuge at the abbey as floodwaters rise, a body falls, and a relic vanishes—in this “top drawer” mystery featuring the twelfth-century monk (Chicago Sun-Times) In the chill, rainy autumn of 1144, two groups of visitors seek the hospitality of the Abbey of St. Peter and St. Paul, and Brother Cadfael fears trouble has come in with them. Among the first arrivals is Brother Tutilo, a young Benedictine with a guileless face and—to Brother Cadfael's shrewd eyes—a mischievous intelligence. The second group, a ribald French troubadour, his servant, and a girl with the voice of an angel, seems to Brother Cadfael a catalyst for disaster. All of Cadfael's fears become manifest as rising floodwaters endanger the abbey's most sacred relic, the remains of Saint Winifred. When the bones disappear and a dead body is found, Brother Cadfael knows carnal and spiritual intrigues are afoot. Now, in a world that believes in signs and miracles, Brother Cadfael needs his prayers answered—as well as

some heavenly guidance to crucial clues—to catch a killer hell-bent on murder.

Death and the Joyful Woman-Ellis Peters 1995-10 Sixteen-year-old Dominic Felse is horrified when his heiress girlfriend, Kitty Norris, is charged with murder by his father, Inspector George Felse of the Comerford Police, and his quest for the truth has deadly consequences. Reprint.

The Dog Prince-Lauren A. Mills 2001 While hunting the beast known as the chimera, an arrogant prince is turned into a dog and must learn humility from a gentle goat-girl.

From Holidays to Holy Days-Albert Holtz, O.S.B. 2008-09-01 Rather than criticizing trappings of the holiday season, this book looks at them from the viewpoint of Christian contemplation, once aptly described as “a long, loving look at the real.” The author, a Benedictine monk who lives in the center of downtown Newark, New Jersey, invites the reader to join him on his daily walks as he points out dozens of often-unnoticed connections between our holidays and the spiritual meaning of Advent and Christmas. In a string of colored lights, a crowd of shoppers, or the window of a toy store, he uncovers such traditional Advent themes as watchful waiting, repentance, and selfless love. On the bustling sidewalks, he introduces us to Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Jesus himself, all speaking their ancient Advent and Christmas messages of peace and hope and good will.