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(Dr. Benjamin Lakin)

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Yale University Press, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 193 x 124 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Michon s exquisite short narratives transport us to the heart of the Middle Ages as witnesses to the double-edged power of belief This welcome volume brings to English-language readers two beautifully crafted works by the internationally acclaimed French author Pierre Michon. Populated by distant and little-known figures-Irish and French monks, saints, and scientists in *Winter Mythologies*; Benedictine monks in the Vendee region of France in *Abbots*-the tales frequently draw on obscure histories and other literary sources. Michon brings his characters to life in spare, evocative prose. Each, in his or her own way, exemplifies a power of belief that brings about an achievement-or catastrophe-in the real world: monasteries are built upon impossibly muddy wastes, monks acquire the power of speech, lives are taken, books are written, saints are created on the flimsiest of evidence. Michon s exploration in ancient archives has led him to the discovery of such often deluded figures and their deeds, and his own exceptional powers bestow upon them a renewed life on the written page. This in turn is an example of the power of belief, which for Michon is what makes literature itself possible. *Winter Mythologies* and *Abbots* are meant to be read slowly, to be savored, to be mined for the secrets Michon has to tell.



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