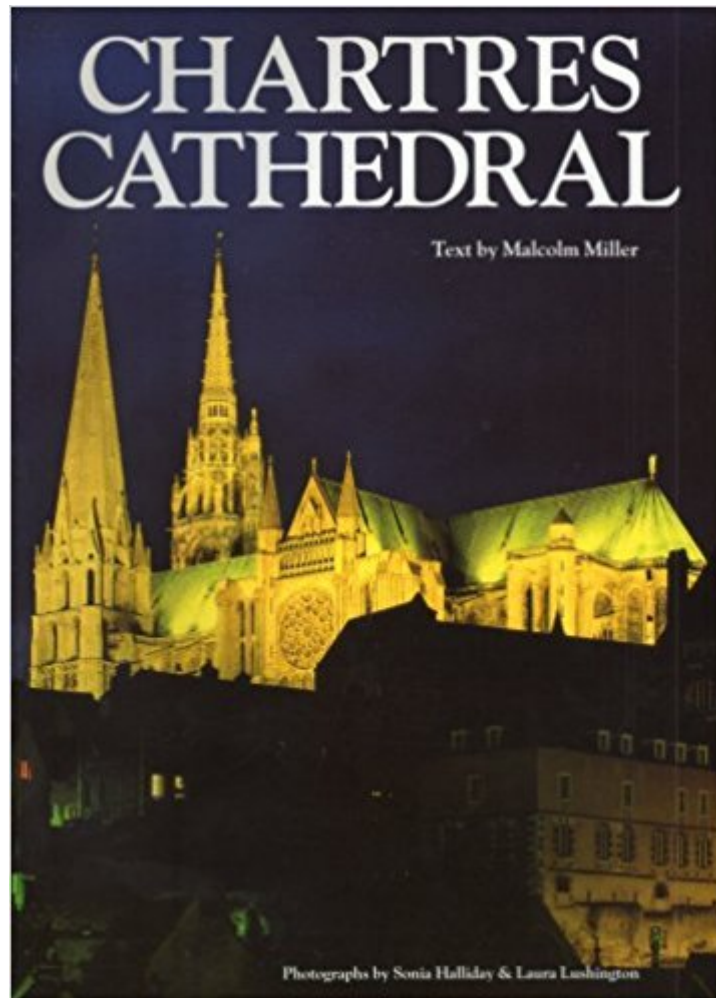




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Synopsis

The author is the world's foremost authority on Chartres, and is in residence there most of the year. He shows us the history of the cathedral and teaches us how to "read" the world-famous stained glass and sculpture, explaining the references to Scripture and the teachings of the Church. Chartres alone, of all the great medieval churches, has survived into the 20th century almost intact, not only architecturally but with its vast iconographic program in 12th- and 13th-century stained glass and sculpture. Medieval art was intended not just to embellish the church but to instruct the people, for there was no printing. Scholars could therefore teach their students, the clergy preach sermons and parents read the lives of the saints to their children using the 'texts' in stained glass and sculpture. The sister churches of Chartres have been sadly vandalized to varying degrees by Reform, revolution, war or natural disaster. Here in Chartres the 'text' is virtually complete. A concise glossary of symbolic images has been included as well as a complete plan of all the windows in the cathedral, and an index.

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I have had the pleasure of being toured around Chartres in person several times and enjoyed every single unique one. When I had the opportunity I convinced the Univ of GA School of Environmental Design to hire him as a visiting speaker a few years later. His depth of knowledge and intense love for the Cathedral and all of its artwork and history is phenomenal.

I bought this book at the bookstore within Chartres Cathedral in 2013, after being gloriously stunned with how Malcolm Miller described the cathedral. If you go there, you will be blessed if you can take his public tour!! I bought this book on to give to our Parish Priest and the power of the message and illustrations in the book are immense and awesome!

As a concise and detailed guide to the stained glass and sculpture of Chartres Cathedral, this slim volume is extremely helpful. It provides essential detail to extensive and complicated iconography and has very useful illustrations and charts. It does not deal with the architecture and cannot, of course, be entirely complete in describing every detail of the windows, but it is of great usefulness to the visitor.

lovely intro to the cathedral. diagrams especially helpful as I anticipate a visit.

Beautiful book of an iconic cathedral

I met Mr. Miller for a tour of the Chartres cathedral. He is the definitive expert on the topic and this book highlights a portion of this knowledge.

I never get tired of looking through this book. It's so beautiful. I want to get on a plane and see the cathedral in person, but this will have to do for now.

I met Malcolm Miller many times when he gives memorable tours of Chartres Cathedral.

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