Claiming Sacred Ground: Pilgrims and Politics at Glastonbury and Sedona

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Indiana University Press. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Claiming Sacred Ground: Pilgrims and Politics at Glastonbury and Sedona, Adrian Ivakhiv, Recent years have seen a growing popular fascination with so-called 'earth energies' associated with sacred or powerful places on the Earth's surface. The towns of Glastonbury, England, and Sedona, Arizona, are two of the most celebrated of such 'power places', each luring tens of thousands of tourists and pilgrims annually, and spawning growing communities of New Age and earth spirituality devotees. In this richly textured account, Adrian Ivakhiv focuses on the activities of Glastonbury's and Sedona's pilgrim-migrants, their efforts to encounter and experience the spirit or energy of the land and to mark out its significance by investing it with sacred meanings. He presents their efforts against a broad canvas of cultural and environmental struggles associated with the incorporation of such geographically marginal places into an expanding global cultural economy.Ivakhiv interprets these contested and 'heterotopic' landscapes to be the nexus of a complex web of interests and longings: from millennial anxieties and nostalgic re-imaginings of history and prehistory, to real-estate power grabs, contending religious visions, and the free play of ideas from science, pseudo-science and popular culture. Looming beneath...

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