



Plato Baptized: Towards the Interpretation of Spenser's Mimetic Fictions (Paperback)

By Elizabeth Bieman

University of Toronto Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Plato Baptized places a variety of Spenser's texts in the history of speaking, writing, reading, and interpreting which stretches from Plato's mentors, Pythagoras and Socrates, to the present. Expansive and formidable in its complexity of argument, yet constantly lucid, the book presents its own perceptive readings of Spenser and his literary forebears as instances of participatory mimesis - a process Elizabeth Bieman identifies as central in the tradition of biblicalized Platonism and Neoplatonism which informed Spenser's habits of thinking. The first five chapters offer a diachronic thread through the maze of ancient texts, philosophical and biblical, which Spenser assimilated synchronically, and from which he drew the paradigms of image and language that represented for older readers evidences of his Christian humanist faith. The later chapters explore Spenser's ever-equivocal metaphoric language, through fictions that represent all levels of the human soul, cross-connecting and unifying the world of intertextualized living. The book's thread offers occasional egress from maze and void. Tracing the evidences of questioning and doubt now fully familiar, along with...



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