## Contents

Acknowledgements		vii
Li	List of Abbreviations	
In	troduction	1
1	Sympathy for a Devil? Merlin's Conception according to Robert de Boron and Paulino Pieri	27
2	Death of the Author: Merlin's Imprisonment by the Dame du Lac	65
3	Beyond the Limits of Interpretation: Rewriting Prophetic Discourse in the <i>Estoire de Merlin</i> and the <i>Suite du Merlin</i>	101
4	'Ce dit Merlin': Open and Closed Prophecies in the Italian Merlin Tradition	141
Co	Conclusion	
Aj	Appendix 1: Chronology of Primary Texts	
Aj	Appendix 2: Summaries of the Principal Texts Discussed	
Bi	Bibliography	
In	Index	