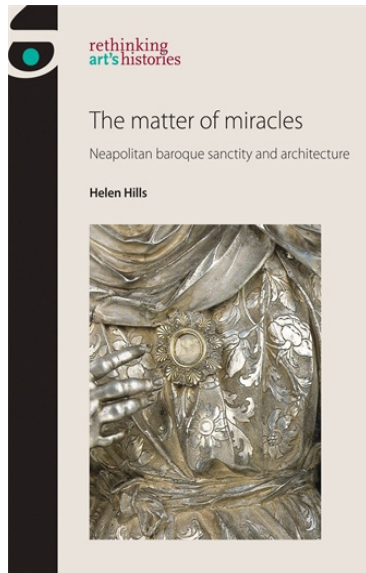


# The matter of miracles

Neapolitan baroque architecture and sanctity

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