

## **PCCBS Book Prize 2020/2021**

**Honorable Mention:** Susan M. Cogan, *Catholic Social Networks in Early Modern England: Kinship, Gender, and Coexistence* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2021)

Susan M. Cogan's *Catholic Social Networks in Early Modern England* is a finely textured analysis of the way Catholic families continued to be part of the warp and weft of early modern society. She provides a complex view of how these families nurtured their social networks in times of conflict and concord alike. Female kin played a critical role in both strengthening Catholic familial alliances and establishing harmony between Catholic and Protestant branches. Cogan also beautifully illuminates the material world of English Catholic families, showing how gardens, architecture, and design reinforced Catholic identities and lived experiences. It is a fine first book.