Searching for Latini

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In Searching for Latini, Michael Kleine recounts the quest of a rhetorician and writing teacher to discover and celebrate the significance of a thirteenth-century rhetorician who has been excluded from American versions of rhetorical history—Brunetto Latini, the teacher of Dante. Kleine argues that Latini should be rescued from obscurity, not only because of the literary status of his student but also because of Latini's promotion of Ciceronian rhetoric during the dawn of the Renaissance and the relevance of his work to contemporary teachers of writing.

Kleine writes of his pilgrimage reflectively and poignantly. His search reminds us all that, in rescuing others from obscurity, we might even rescue ourselves.


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