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*Key Figures in Medieval Europe* Taylor & Francis

Concentrating on the pictorial evidence, these papers raise many complex and varied themes related to women's creation, use and patronage of books, and the representation of women in them.

*Holy People of the World* Paulist Press

Placed in the monastery of Helfta, in Upper Saxony, at the age of five, Gertrud began having Visions and writing at twenty-five. The first two Books of The Herald were written by her own hand; Book Three, compiled twenty years later by another member of the community, 'expounds something of the favors lavished on or revealed to her'. It provides insights into the life and spirituality of this 'most literate of al medieval women Visionaries.'

*The Dialogue* Franklin Classics

In this Classic of Western Spirituality(TM) readers will find the first English translation of the complete works of Elisabeth of Schönau, a twelfth-century Benedictine nun who claimed to have a series of extraordinary visionary experiences. In the complete works of Elisabeth are: -- three visionary diaries: First, Second and Third Book of Visions; -- a book of sermons, The Book of the Ways of God; -- Revelations about the Sacred Company of the Virgins of Cologne; -- The Resurrection of the Blessed Virgin; -- a collection of Elisabeth's letters; -- and a text describing Elisabeth's last days by her brother and secretary, Eckbert. Elisabeth's prophetic message brought consolation to the people of her day and a call for firmness of faith and the moral life. Today's readers will gain insight into how the communal, liturgical culture of a Benedictine monastery could shape the interior life and prophetic identity of a woman committed to its ideals. The audience for this book will be broad: -- historians, theologians and students of -- mysticism and spirituality -- women's religious life -- monastic life -- medieval culture -- hagiography + *St. John the Divine* Routledge  
The writings of Pseudo-Macarius, a Syrian monk of the 4th century, bring to Western Christianity a

holistic "heart" spirituality that offers a necessary complementarity to the "head" spirituality of the West. The homilies reveal the typical traits of Eastern Christian asceticism and The Great Letter instructs the monastic community.

*Commitment, Consecrated Celibacy, and Community in Catholic Religious Life* Paulist Press

A cross-cultural encyclopedia of the most significant holy people in history, examining why people in a wide range of religious traditions throughout the world have been regarded as divinely inspired.

*Mechthild of Hackeborn* Oxford University Press, USA

Examining correlations between the material and the mystical, this books investigates collective writing and devotional culture in late medieval piety.

*The Love of the Sacred Heart* Christian Classic

"In this brilliant and textured study, Jeffrey Hamburger enters the debate over theology's role in the formation of medieval art and re-centers the argument. Meticulously researched and conceptually very smart, St. John the Divine is a 'must read' for historians, art historians,

theologians, and all students of image theory."—Herbert L. Kessler, Johns Hopkins University  
 "Hamburger creates an entirely new understanding of the images and the persona of John, the divinized Evangelist, during the Middle Ages. A beautiful and masterful book."—Niklaus Largier, University of California, Berkeley  
 "In this enormously erudite and stimulating book, Jeffrey Hamburger has once again demonstrated his mastery of the central issues concerning medieval religious image-making. Hamburger makes a brilliant, compelling, and very timely case for the reinsertion of theology into the study of this domain of art. His mastery of the sources, tireless unearthing of new and unexpected visual material, and judicious and attractive writing will ensure that this text remains not only an important reference point for the study of medieval religious art, but also a dazzling starting point for future debate."—Paul Binski, author of Westminster Abbey and the Plantagenets: Kingship and the Representation of Power 1200-1400  
 "Analyzing an astonishing range of visual examples, Hamburger unlocks a newly discovered door in heaven, revealing the crucial role John plays in medieval thought and art as deified Evangelist as well as apocalyptic prophet and beloved apostle."—Richard K. Emmerson, author of Antichrist in the Middle Ages: A Study of Medieval Apocalypticism, Art, and Literature  
*Assessing the Visual Evidence* Cistercian Publications Books  
 "The enigmatic link between the natural and artistic beauty that is to be contemplated but not eaten, on the one hand, and the eucharistic beauty that is both seen (with the eyes of faith) and eaten, on the other, intrigues me and inspires this book. One cannot ask theo-aesthetic questions about the Eucharist without engaging fundamental questions about the relationship between beauty, art (broadly defined), and eating."—from *Eating Beauty* In a remarkable book that is at once learned, startlingly original, and highly personal, Ann W. Astell explores the ambiguity of the phrase "eating beauty." The phrase evokes the destruction of beauty, the devouring mouth of the grave, the mouth of hell. To eat beauty is to destroy it. Yet in the case of the Eucharist the person of faith who eats the Host is transformed into beauty itself, literally incorporated into Christ. In this sense, Astell explains, the Eucharist was "productive of an entire 'way' of life, a virtuous life-form, an artwork, with Christ himself as the principal artist." The Eucharist established for the people of the Middle Ages distinctive schools of sanctity—Cistercian, Franciscan, Dominican, and Ignatian—whose members were united by the eucharistic sacrament that they received. Reading the lives of the saints not primarily as historical documents but as iconic expressions of original artworks fashioned by the eucharistic Christ, Astell puts the "faceless" Host in a dynamic relationship with these icons. With the advent of each new spirituality, the Christian idea of beauty expanded to include, first, the marred beauty of the saint and, finally, that of the church torn by division—an anti-aesthetic beauty embracing process, suffering, deformity, and disappearance, as well as the radiant lightness of the resurrected body. This astonishing work of intellectual and religious history is illustrated with telling artistic examples ranging from medieval manuscript illuminations to sculptures by Michelangelo and paintings by Salvador Dalí. Astell puts the lives of medieval saints in conversation with modern philosophers as disparate as Simone Weil and G. W. F. Hegel.

#### **Eating Beauty** TAN Books

The Holy Spirit: Medieval Roman Catholic and Reformation Traditions (Sixth-Sixteenth Centuries) is the third in a series of three volumes devoted to the history of Christian pneumatology. In the first volume, *The Holy Spirit: Ancient Christian Traditions* (formerly titled *The Spirit and the Church: Antiquity*), Stanley M. Burgess detailed Christian efforts from the end of the first century to the end of the fifth century A.D. to understand the divine Third Person. Volume 1 explored the tensions between the developing institutional order and various prophetic elements in the Church. The second volume, *The Holy Spirit: Eastern Christian Traditions*, brought together a wealth of material on the Spirit from Eastern Christian traditions, a rich heritage often overlooked in Western Christianity. By exploring the various ways in which Eastern theologians understood the Third Person of the Trinity, volume 2 showed how modern Christians can gain a wider vision and fuller understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit in history and in our own generation. This concluding volume examines medieval Roman Catholic and Reformation attitudes toward the Holy Spirit beginning with the writings of medieval Catholic theologians from Gregory the Great and Bede to Aquinas and Bonaventure. Subsequent sections describe the contributions of influential

women such as Hildegard of Bingen, Birgitta of Sweden, and Catherine of Siena; "fringe" figures such as Joachim of Fiore and the Cathars; the magisterial reformers Luther, Zwingli, and Calvin; leading Catholic reformers such as Ignatius of Loyola; and the "radical reformers" Thomas Muntzer and Menno Simons.

#### The Herald of God's Loving Kindness Scarecrow Press

Covering 2,000 years, this two-volume set is the first encyclopedia devoted to Christian writers and books. In addition to an overview of the Christian literature, this encyclopedia includes more than 40 essays on the principal genres of Christian literature and more than 400 bio-bibliographical essays describing the principal writers and their works.

#### **Medieval Women Monastics** Paulist Press

First published in 2006, *Key Figures in Medieval Europe*, brings together in one volume the most important people who lived in medieval Europe between 500 and 1500. Gathered from the biographical entries from the series, *Routledge Encyclopedias of the Middle Ages*, these A-Z biographical entries discuss the lives of over 575 individuals who have had a historical impact in such areas as politics, religion, and the arts. It includes individuals from places such as medieval England, France, Germany, Iberia, Italy, and Scandinavia, as well as those from the Jewish and Islamic worlds. In one convenient volume, students, scholars, and interested readers will find the biographies of the people whose actions, beliefs, creations, and writings shaped the Middle Ages, one of the most fascinating periods of world history.

#### *Sensory Reflections* Cornell University Press

For the first time, in 33 years, here is a complete analytical and comparative study of the only two English translations of this marvelous work. This effort, which lies within your grasp, is a painstaking effort to not only compare the wording, but also the footnotes and supply variant references to this stunning work; in particular making references back to our copy of the Spanish text for clarity. More importantly, this effort is coordinated with Teresa of Avila's works. Thus an additional 400 notes, in combination with comparatives between the variant references are supplied. This work has been translated by the Sisters of Stanbrook.

#### *The Concept of Woman* Literary Licensing, LLC

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#### The Fifty Spiritual Homilies : And, The Great Letter Praeger Pub Text

Gottfried looks at Schmitt as a critic of modern liberalism and as a defender of the national state who carefully examined Western historical and political traditions. Challenging the view that Schmitt was a mere polemicist who set out to subvert "German Democracy", Gottfried's work argues instead, that Schmitt criticized liberal democracy from a highly liberal reflective position that combined analytical depth with staggering erudition. This new source also provides a useful bibliography on secondary literature dealing with Carl Schmitt's work.

#### **Key Figures in Medieval Europe (2006): An Encyclopedia** Paulist Press

*Intimate Reading: Textual Encounters in Medieval Women's Visions and Vitae* explores the ways that women mystics sought to make their books into vehicles for the reader's spiritual transformation. Jessica Barr argues that the cognitive work of reading these texts was meant to stimulate intensely personal responses, and that the very materiality of the book can produce an intimate encounter with God. She thus explores the differences between mystics' biographies and their self-presentation, analyzing as well the complex rhetorical moves that medieval women writers employ to render their accounts more effective. This new volume is structured around five case studies. Chapters consider the biographies of 13th-century holy women from Liège, the writings of Margery Kempe, Gertrude of Helfta, Mechthild of Magdeburg, Marguerite Porete, and Julian of Norwich. At the heart of *Intimate Reading* is the question of how reading works—what it means to enter imaginatively and intellectually into the words of another. The volume showcases the complexity of medieval understandings of the work of reading, deepening our perception of the written word's capacity to signify something that lies even beyond rational comprehension.

#### What Are These Wounds? Liturgical Press

From women's medicine and the writings of Christine de Pizan to the lives of market and tradeswomen and the idealization of virginity, gender and social status dictated all aspects of women's lives during the middle ages. A cross-disciplinary resource, *Women and Gender in Medieval Europe* examines the daily reality of medieval women from all walks of life in Europe

between 450 CE and 1500 CE, i.e., from the fall of the Roman Empire to the discovery of the Americas. Moving beyond biographies of famous noble women of the middle ages, the scope of this important reference work is vast and provides a comprehensive understanding of medieval women's lives and experiences. Masculinity in the middle ages is also addressed to provide important context for understanding women's roles. Entries that range from 250 words to 4,500 words in length thoroughly explore topics in the following areas: · Art and Architecture · Countries, Realms, and Regions · Daily Life · Documentary Sources · Economics · Education and Learning · Gender and Sexuality · Historiography · Law · Literature · Medicine and Science · Music and Dance · Persons · Philosophy · Politics · Political Figures · Religion and Theology · Religious Figures · Social Organization and Status  
 Written by renowned international scholars, *Women and Gender in Medieval Europe* is the latest in the *Routledge Encyclopedias of the Middle Ages*. Easily accessible in an A-to-Z format, students, researchers, and scholars will find this outstanding reference work to be an invaluable resource on women in Medieval Europe.

#### *Illuminating Jesus in the Middle Ages* Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG

This book examines how the writings of the thirteenth-century nun Gertrude the Great of Helfta articulate an innovative relationship between a person's eucharistic devotion and her body. It attends to her references to the biblical, monastic, and theological traditions, including attitudes and ideas about the spiritual and corporeal senses, in order to illuminate the affirmative role Gertrude assigns to the body in making spiritual progress. Ultimately the book demonstrates that Gertrude leaves behind the dualistic aspect of the Christian intellectual and devotional tradition while exploiting its affirmative concepts of bodily forms of knowing divine union.

#### *Selected Revelations* Cambridge University Press

The Herald of God's Loving-Kindness: Book 5 Liturgical Press

#### *The Encyclopedia of Christian Literature* Taylor & Francis

Medieval women were normally denied access to public educational institutions, and so also denied the gateways to most leadership positions. Modern scholars have therefore tended to study learned medieval women as simply anomalies, and women generally as victims. This volume, however, argues instead for a *via media*. Drawing upon manuscript and archival sources, scholars here show that more medieval women attained some form of learning than hitherto imagined, and that women with such legal, social or ecclesiastical knowledge also often exercised professional or communal leadership. Bringing together contributors from the disciplines of literature, history and religion, this volume challenges several traditional views: firstly, the still-prevalent idea that women's intellectual accomplishments were limited to the Latin literate. The collection therefore engages heavily with vernacular writings (in Anglo-Saxon, Middle English, French, Dutch, German and Italian), and also with material culture (manuscript illumination, stained glass, fabric and jewelry) for evidence of women's advanced capabilities. But in doing so, the contributors strive to avoid the equally problematic view that women's accomplishments were somehow limited to the vernacular and the material. So several essays examine women at work with the sacred languages of the three Abrahamic traditions (Latin, Arabic and Hebrew). And a third traditional view is also interrogated: that women were somehow more "original" for their lack of learning and dependence on their mother tongue. Scholars here agree wholeheartedly that women could be daring thinkers in any language; they engage readily with women's learnedness wherever it can be found. KATHRYN KERBY-FULTON is Professor Emerita, University of Notre Dame; JOHN VAN ENGEN is Professor Emeritus, University of Notre Dame; KATIE BUGYIS is Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame. Contributors: Asma Afsaruddin, Renate Blumenfeld-Kosinski, Amanda Bohne, Katie Ann-Marie Bugyis, Adrienne Williams Boyarin, Dyan Elliott, Thelma Fenster, Sean Field, Sarah Foot, Megan Hall, Ruth Mazzo Karras, Kathryn Kerby-Fulton, Rachel Koopmans, F. Thomas Luongo, Leanne MacDonald, Gary Macy, Maureen Miller, Barbara Newman, S.J. Pearce, Anna Siebach-Larsen, Gemma Simmonds, David Wallace, John Van Engen, Nicholas Watson, Jocelyn Wogan-Browne,

#### **A Cross-cultural Encyclopedia** Univ of California Press

Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), mystic and Doctor of the Church, wrote *The Dialogue*, her crowning spiritual work, for "the instruction and encouragement of all those whose spiritual welfare was her concern."

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