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READING LIST

Course Title: Medieval Women
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 20 Jan 2026 to 24 Mar 2026
Tutor: Anne Bailey

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Jackson, Eleanor and Julian Harrison,	<i>Medieval Women: Voices & Visions: The Book of the British Library Exhibition</i>
Leyser, Henrietta	<i>Medieval Women: A Social History of Women in England 450-1500</i>
Rosenthal, JT	<i>Medieval Women and the Sources for Medieval History</i>
Shahar, Shulamith	<i>The Fourth Estate: A History of Women in the Middle Ages</i>

Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
Arnold, John and Katherine Lewis	<i>A Companion to the Book of Margery Kempe</i>

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Bale, Anthony	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i>
Bennett, H.S.	<i>The Pastons and their England: Studies in an Age of Transition</i>
Blamires, Alcuin	<i>Woman Defamed and Woman Defended: An Anthology of Medieval Texts</i>
Burgess, Glyn S	<i>The Lais of Marie de France</i>
Caster, Helen	<i>Blood and Roses: The Paston Family in the Fifteenth Century</i>
Caster, Helen	<i>Joan of Arc: A History</i>
Dailey, E.t.	<i>Radegund: The Trials and Triumphs of a Merovingian Queen</i>
Davis, Natalie Zemon	<i>The Return of Martin Guerre</i>
Davis, Norman	<i>The Paston Letters: A Selection in Modern Spelling</i>
Dinshaw, Carolyn and David Wallace	<i>The Complete Companion to Medieval Women's Writing (For the chapter on 'Héloïse', pp. 161-71)</i>
Fanous, Samuel and Henrietta Leyser	<i>Christina of Markyate: A Twelfth-Century Holy Woman</i>
Hobbins, Daniel	<i>The Trial of Joan of Arc</i>
Hollman, Gemma	<i>Women in the Middle Ages: Illuminating the World of Peasants, Nuns, and Queens</i>
Howes, Hetta	<i>Poet, Mystic, Widow, Wife: The Extraordinary Lives of Medieval Women</i>
Kitchen, John	<i>Saints' Lives and the Rhetoric of Gender: Male and Female in Merovingian Hagiography</i>
Lochrie, Karma	<i>Margery Kempe and the Translations of the Flesh</i>
Marechal, Chantal A	<i>In Quest of Marie de France: A Twelfth Century Poet</i>
McNamara, Jo Ann	<i>Sainted Women of the Dark Ages</i>
Mews, Constance	<i>Abelard and Héloïse</i>
Murray, Jacqueline	<i>Love, Marriage and Family in the Middle Ages: A Reader</i>
Radice, Betty	<i>The Letters of Héloïse and Abelard (Any translation acceptable)</i>
Talbot, CH (trans)	<i>The Life of Christina of Markyate: A Twelfth Century Recluse</i>
Tibbetts Schulenburg, Jane	<i>Forgetful of their Sex: Female Sanctity and Society ca500-1100</i>
Warner, Marina	<i>Joan of Arc: The Image of Female Heroism</i>

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Watt, Diane	<i>God's Own Gentlewoman: The Life of Margaret Paston: The Life of Margaret Paston</i>
Whalen, Logan E	<i>A Companion to Marie de France</i>
Wheeler, Bonnie	<i>Listening to Héloïse: The Voice of a Twelfth-Century Woman</i>