

# A Woman Ahead Of Her Time

## Christine De Pizan Defender Of Womankind

**The Second Sex** - Simone de Beauvoir 1997

Of all the writing that emerged from the existentialist movement, Simone de Beauvoir's groundbreaking study of women will probably have the most extensive and enduring impact. It is at once a work of anthropology and sociology, of biology and psychoanalysis, from the pen of a writer and novelist of penetrating imaginative power. THE SECOND SEX stands, five decades after its first appearance, as the first landmark in the modern feminist upsurge that has transformed perceptions of the social relationship of man and womankind in our time

**Children's Books in Print** - R R Bowker Publishing 1999-12

**A Woman Ahead of Her Time** - Sophia Okun Tracy  
2003-01-01

A biography of Christine de Pizan, a medieval poet and author in France who espoused the capabilities and rights of women.

*Virtue Ethics for Women 1250-1500* - Karen Green  
2011-04-05

This book locates Christine de Pizan's argument that women are virtuous members of the political community within the context of earlier discussions of the relative virtues of men and women. It is the first to explore how women were represented and addressed within medieval discussions of the virtues. It introduces readers to the little studied *Speculum Dominarum* (Mirror of Ladies), a mirror for

a princess, compiled for Jeanne of Navarre, which circulated in the courtly milieu that nurtured Christine. Throwing new light on the way in which Medieval women understood the virtues, and were represented by others as virtuous subjects, it positions the ethical ideas of Anne of France, Laura Cereta, Marguerite of Navarre and the Dames de la Roche within an evolving discourse on the virtues that is marked by the transition from Medieval to Renaissance thought. *Virtue Ethics for Women 1250-1500* will be of interest to those studying virtue ethics, the history of women's ideas and Medieval and Renaissance thought in general.

[The Nobility and Excellence of Women and the Defects and Vices of Men](#) - Lucrezia Marinella 2007-11-01

A gifted poet, a women's rights activist, and an expert on moral and natural philosophy, Lucrezia Marinella (1571-1653) was known throughout Italy as the leading female intellectual of her age. Born into a family of

Venetian physicians, she was encouraged to study, and, fortunately, she did not share the fate of many of her female contemporaries, who were forced to join convents or were pressured to marry early. Marinella enjoyed a long literary career, writing mainly religious, epic, and pastoral poetry, and biographies of famous women in both verse and prose. Marinella's masterpiece, *The Nobility and Excellence of Women, and the Defects and Vices of Men* was first published in 1600, composed at a furious pace in answer to Giuseppe Passi's diatribe about women's alleged defects. This polemic displays Marinella's vast knowledge of the Italian poetic tradition and demonstrates her ability to argue against authors of the misogynist tradition from Boccaccio to Torquato Tasso. Trying to effect real social change, Marinella argued that morally, intellectually, and in many other ways, women are superior to men.

**The History of Fashion in France** - Augustin Challamel

1882

**Aemilia Lanyer** - Marshall Grossman 2021-05-11  
Aemilia Lanyer was a Londoner of Jewish-Italian descent and the mistress of Queen Elizabeth's Lord Chamberlain. But in 1611 she did something extraordinary for a middle-class woman of the seventeenth century: she published a volume of original poems. Using standard genres to address distinctly feminine concerns, Lanyer's work is varied, subtle, provocative, and witty. Her religious poem "Salve Deus Rex Judaeorum" repeatedly projects a female subject for a female reader and casts the Passion in terms of gender conflict. Lanyer also carried this concern with gender into the very structure of the poem; whereas a work of praise usually held up the superiority of its patrons, the good women in Lanyer's poem exemplify worth women in general. The essays in this volume establish the facts of Lanyer's life and use her poetry to interrogate that of her male

contemporaries, Donne, Jonson, and Shakespeare. Lanyer's work sheds light on views of gender and class identities in early modern society. By using Lanyer to look at the larger issues of women writers working within a patriarchal system, the authors go beyond the explication of Lanyer's writing to address the dynamics of canonization and the construction of literary history. [Books In Print 2004-2005](#) - Bowker Editorial Staff 2004

**Joan of Arc** - 2013-01-01  
This sourcebook collects together for the first time in English the major documents relating to the life and contemporary reputation of Joan of Arc. Also known as La Pucelle, she led a French Army against the English in 1429, arguably turning the course of the war in favour of the French king Charles VII. The fact that she achieved all of this when just a seventeen-year-old peasant girl highlights the magnitude of her achievements and also opens up other ways

of looking at her story. For many, Joan represents the voice of ordinary people in the fifteenth century; the victims of high politics and warfare that devastated France. Her story ended tragically in 1431 when she was put on trial for heresy and sorcery by an ecclesiastical court and was burned at the stake. This book shows how the trial, which was organised by her enemies, provides an important window into late medieval attitudes towards religion and gender, as Joan was effectively persecuted by the established Church for her supposedly non-conformist views on spirituality and the role of women. Presented within a contextual and critical framework, this book encourages scholars and students to rethink this remarkable story. It will be invaluable reading for those working in the fields of medieval society and heresy, as well as the Hundred Years' War.

*Children's Books in Print, 2007*  
- 2006

*Christine de Pizan and the Moral Defence of Women -*

Rosalind Brown-Grant

2003-09-18

Christine de Pizan's *Livre de la Cité des Dames* (1405) is justly renowned for its full-scale assault on the misogynist stereotypes which dominated the culture of the Middle Ages. Rosalind Brown-Grant locates the *Cité* in the context of Christine's defence of women as it developed over a number of years and through a range of different texts. Arguing that Christine tailored her critique of misogyny according to the genre in which she was writing and the audience she was addressing, this study shows that Christine's case for women nonetheless had an underlying unity in its insistence on the moral, if not the social, equality of the sexes. Whilst Christine may not have been a radical in modern feminist terms, she was able to draw upon the cultural resources of her day in order to construct an intellectual authority for herself that challenged the prevailing orthodoxy of the

day.

*Ambiguous Realities* - Carole Levin 1987

Examining specific literary, historical, and theological texts, the essays in *Ambiguous realities* illuminate a number of important issues about women in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance: the changes in attitude toward women, the role and status of women, the dichotomy between public and private spheres, the prescriptions for women's behavior and the image of the ideal woman, and the difference between the perceived and the actual audience of medieval and Renaissance writers.--Back cover.

### **The 100 Most Influential Women of All Time** -

Britannica Educational Publishing 2009-10-01

Through the ages women have had to fight to be taken seriously, have their work accepted, and be considered the equal of men intellectually and creatively. This book tips its hat to women such as Cleopatra, Joan of Arc,

Sojourner Truth, and Princess Diana, who have made their mark and forever changed the world with their contributions.

Joan of Arc - Helen Castor 2014-09-30

Acclaimed historian Helen Castor brings us afresh a gripping life of Joan of Arc. Instead of the icon, she gives us a living, breathing young woman; a roaring girl fighting the English, and taking sides in a bloody civil war that was tearing fifteenth century France apart. Here is a portrait of a 19-year-old peasant who hears voices from God; a teenager transformed into a warrior leading an army to victory, in an age that believed women should not fight. And it is also the story behind the myth we all know, a myth which began to take hold at her trial: that of the Maid of Orleans, the saviour of France, a young woman burned at the stake as a heretic, a woman who five hundred years later would be declared a saint. Joan and her world are brought vividly to life in this refreshing new take on the medieval

world. Helen Castor brings us to the heart of the action, to a woman and a country in turmoil, a world where no-one - not Joan herself, nor the people around her, princes, bishops, soldiers or peasants - knew what would happen next.

**Christine de Pizan** - Charity Cannon Willard 1984

Readers will learn a great deal about Paris during the most tumultuous days of the Hundred Years' War, about the culture of Renaissance France, and most of all about this unusual and heroic woman.--

Virginia Quarterly

**Women in Game of Thrones**

- Valerie Estelle Frankel

2014-04-11

Game of Thrones, one of the hottest series on television, leaves hundreds of critics divided on how "feminist" the show really is. Certainly the female characters, strong and weak, embody a variety of archetypes—widow queens, warrior women, damsels in distress, career women, priestesses, crones, mothers and maidens. However, the problem is that most of them

play a single role without nuance—even the "strong women" have little to do besides strut about as one-note characters. This book analyzes the women and their portrayals one by one, along with their historical inspirations.

Accompanying issues in television studies also appear, from the male gaze to depiction of race. How these characters are treated in the series and how they treat themselves becomes central, as many strip for the pleasure of men or are sacrificed as pawns. Some nude scenes or moments of male violence are fetishized and filmed to tantalize, while others show the women's trauma and attempt to identify with the scene's female perspective. The key is whether the characters break out of their traditional roles and become multidimensional.

[Declamation on the Nobility and Preeminence of the Female](#)

[Sex](#) - Henricus Cornelius

Agrippa 2007-11-01

Originally published in 1529, the Declamation on the Preeminence and Nobility of

the Female Sex argues that women are more than equal to men in all things that really matter, including the public spheres from which they had long been excluded. Rather than directly refuting prevailing wisdom, Agrippa uses women's superiority as a rhetorical device and overturns the misogynistic interpretations of the female body in Greek medicine, in the Bible, in Roman and canon law, in theology and moral philosophy, and in politics. He raised the question of why women were excluded and provided answers based not on sex but on social conditioning, education, and the prejudices of their more powerful oppressors. His declamation, disseminated through the printing press, illustrated the power of that new medium, soon to be used to generate a larger reformation of religion.

**Mary Magdalen** - Susan Haskins 2011-09-30

A dramatic, thought-provoking portrait of one of the most compelling figures in early Christianity which explores two

thousand years of history, art, and literature to provide a close-up look at Mary Magdalen and her significance in religious and cultural thought.

*American Book Publishing Record* - 2003

*The Eloquence of Mary Astell* - Christine Mason Sutherland 2005

Practically ignored for over 200 years, Mary Astell's writing returned to prominence in the latter part of the 20th century in a celebrated biography by Ruth Perry. Self-educated, Astell was an avid political thinker, philosopher, educationalist and early feminist. Until recently, little attention has been paid to her importance and skill in rhetoric, where she is known as both a practitioner and theorist. Her work is remarkable for an intellectual depth that does not compromise accessibility and for a style that is forcefully persuasive yet grounded in the rhythms of conversation. Widely respected for her participation in public

discourse on politics and philosophy, she was well ahead of her time in the development of the rhetoric of care, an approach later echoed by 20th century feminists in their battle for equality. Drawing

inspiration both from ancient theories and models and from early enlightenment philosophy, Astell's thought has a timelessness that allows her to instruct and inspire us all.



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