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The Legitimation Of Sexual Pleasure In

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Sexuality in Medieval Europe - Ruth Mazo

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Languages of Power in the Age of Richard II -

In this book the distinguished medievalist Lynn

Staley turns her attention to one of the most

dramatic periods in English history, the reign of

Richard II, as seen through a range of texts

including literary, political, chronicle, and

pictorial. Richard II, who ruled from 1377 to

1399, succeeded to the throne as a child after

the fifty-year reign of Edward III, and found

himself beset throughout his reign by military,

political, religious, economic, and social

problems that would have tried even the most

skilled of statesmen. At the same time, these

years saw some of England's most gifted courtly

writers, among them Chaucer and Gower, who

were keenly attuned to the political

machinations erupting around them. In

Languages of Power in the Age of Richard II

Staley does not so much "read" literature

through history as offer a way of "reading"

history through its refractions in literature. In

essence, the text both isolates and traces what is

an actual search for a language of power during

the reign of Richard II and scrutinizes the ways

in which Chaucer and other courtly writers

participated in these attempts to articulate the

concept of princely power. As one who took it

upon himself to comment on the various means

by which history is made, Chaucer emerges from

Staley's narrative as a poet without peer.

Courtly Desire and Medieval Homophobia -

Elizabeth B. Keiser 1997-01-01

One of the key issues facing us in the next

millennium is the ability to manipulate the

genetics of living organisms. The possibility of

manipulating human genetics raises many

theological, ethical and socio-political issues.

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the technology will be developed, how it will be

applied and more general questions about the

technical manipulation of natural processes.

The Cambridge Companion to Medieval

English Literature 1100-1500 - Larry Scanlon

2009-06-18

The medieval period was one of extraordinary

literary achievement sustained over centuries of

great change, anchored by the Norman invasion

and its aftermath, the re-emergence of English

as the nation's leading literary language in the

fourteenth century and the advent of print in the

fifteenth. This Companion spans four full

centuries to survey this most formative and

turbulent era in the history of literature in

English. Exploring the period's key authors -

Chaucer, Langland, the Gawain-Poet, Margery

Kempe, among many - and genres - plays,

romances, poems and epics - the book offers an

overview of the riches of medieval writing. The

essays map out the flourishing field of medieval

literary studies and point towards new directions

and approaches. Designed to be accessible to

students, the book also features a chronology

and guide to further reading.

Getting Medieval - Carolyn Dinshaw

1999-09-22

DIVHow medieval texts represent and reproduce

normative heterosexual identities./div

Cleanness - Kevin Gustafson 2010-04-30

This edition provides a new facing-page

translation of an important Middle English

alliterative poem, generally attributed to the

author of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. A

complex meditation on courtly and religious ideals, Cleanness has been praised for its densely figurative language, elaborate descriptive set pieces, and moving depictions of cosmic and human drama. More recently, the poem has also attracted attention for contributing to the history of sexuality in its comparatively frank discussion of sexual practices. Kevin Gustafson's new translation captures the original's poetic qualities while making the often difficult text accessible to modern readers. The facing-page format allows readers to experience the original alliterative Middle English and to compare the texts. Appendices include relevant verses from the Douay-Rheims Bible and excerpts from contemporary romances, chronicles, and theological writings.

Queering the Middle Ages - Glenn Burger 2001

The essays in this volume present new work that, in one way or another, "queers" stabilized conceptions of the Middle Ages, allowing us to see the period and its systems of sexuality in radically different, off-center, and revealing ways. While not denying the force of gender and sexual norms, the authors consider how historical work has written out or over what might have been non-normative in medieval sex and culture, and they work to restore a sense of such instabilities. At the same time, they ask how this pursuit might allow us not only to re-envision medieval studies but also to rethink how we study culture from our current set of vantage points within postmodernity. The authors focus on particular medieval moments: Christine de Pizan's representation of female sexuality; chastity in the Grail romances; the illustration of "the sodomite" in manuscript commentaries on Dante's *Commedia*; the complex ways that sexuality inflected English national politics at the time of Edward II's deposition; the construction of the sodomitic Moor by Reconquista Spain. Throughout, their work seeks to disturb a logic that sees the past as significant only insofar as it may make sense for and of a stabilized present.

The Romance of the Rose and the Making of Fourteenth-Century English Literature - Philip Knox 2022

This title provides a new account of the literary

history of fourteenth-century England, arguing that many of this period's most distinctive literary experiments emerge through a productive dialogue with the 'Romance of the Rose', a jointly-authored medieval French poem. [Courtly Love, the Love of Courtliness, and the History of Sexuality](#) - James A. Schultz 2006-08-15

One of the great achievements of the Middle Ages, Europe's courtly culture gave the world the tournament, the festival, the knighting ceremony, and also courtly love. But courtly love has strangely been ignored by historians of sexuality. With *Courtly Love, the Love of Courtliness, and the History of Sexuality*, James Schultz corrects this oversight with careful analysis of key courtly texts of the medieval German literary tradition. Courtly love, Schultz finds, was provoked not by the biological and intrinsic factors that play such a large role in our contemporary thinking about sexuality—sex difference or desire—but by extrinsic signs of class: bodies that were visibly noble and behaviors that represented exemplary courtliness. Individuals became "subjects" of courtly love only to the extent that their love took the shape of certain courtly roles such as singer, lady, or knight. They hoped not only for physical union but also for the social distinction that comes from realizing these roles to perfection. To an extraordinary extent, courtly love represented the love of courtliness—the eroticization of noble status and the courtly culture that celebrated noble power and refinement

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Faith, Ethics, and Church - David Aers 2000 Examination of key texts - Chaucer to Wyclif - sheds new light on medieval spirituality. The relationship between versions of the late medieval Church, faith, ethics and the lay

powers, as explored in a range of late fourteenth- and early fifteenth-century texts written in England, is the subject of this book. It argues that they disclose strikingly diverse models of Christian discipleship, and examines the sources and consequences of such differences. Issues investigated include whether the Church could shape modern communities and individual identities, and how it could combine its status as a major landlord and trader without being assimilated by the various networks of earthly power and profit. The book begins with Chaucer's treatment of received versions of faith, ethics and the Church, and moves via St Thomas, Ockham, Nicholas Love, Gower, the Gawain-poet and Langland (who pursues the issues with particular intensity and focus) to Wyclif's construal of Christian discipleship in relation to his projected reform of the Church. Interdisciplinary in approach, the book will be of interest to all those studying late medieval Christianity and literature. DAVID AERS is James B. Duke Professor of English and Professor of Historical Theology at Duke University.

The Boswell Thesis - Mathew Kuefler 2006-03
Few books have had the social, cultural, and scholarly impact of John Boswell's *Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality*. Arguing that neither the Bible nor the Christian tradition was nearly as hostile to homoeroticism as was generally thought, its initial publication sent shock waves through university classrooms, gay communities, and religious congregations. Twenty-five years later, the aftershocks still reverberate. The *Boswell Thesis* brings together fifteen leading scholars at the intersection of religious and sexuality studies to comment on this book's immense impact, the endless debates it generated, and the many contributions it has made to our culture. The essays in this magnificent volume examine a variety of aspects of Boswell's interpretation of events in the development of sexuality from Classical Antiquity through the Middle Ages, including a Roman emperor's love letters to another man; suspicions of sodomy among medieval monks, knights, and crusaders; and the gender-bending visions of Christian saints and mystics. Also included are discussions of Boswell's career, including his influence among gay and lesbian

Christians and his role in academic debates between essentialists and social constructionists. Elegant and thought-provoking, this collection provides a fitting twenty-fifth anniversary tribute to the incalculable influence of Christianity, Social Tolerance, and Homosexuality and its author.

Temporal Circumstances - L. Patterson
2016-09-23

Temporal Circumstances provides powerful and detailed interpretations of the most important and challenging of the *Canterbury Tales*. Well-informed and clearly written, this book will interest both those familiar with Chaucer's masterpiece and readers new to it.

Gender and Apocalyptic Desire - Brenda E. Brasher 2014-12-18

The female body has been an object of oppression and control throughout history. 'Gender and Apocalyptic Desire' exposes the often-hidden links between the struggles of women and the conflict of good versus evil. The essays examine the collisions between feminist and apocalyptic thought, the ways in which apocalyptic belief functions as bodily discipline and cultural practice, and how some currents of apocalyptic desire can enable women's equality. A wide range of issues are examined, from anti-abortion terrorism to the stigmata of Christ and visions of Mary.

The Politics of Pearl - John M. Bowers 2001
Close analysis of the poem reveals extensive allusion to contemporary social, religious and political events.

Seeing Sodomy in the Middle Ages - Robert Mills
2015-02-27

Challenging the view that ideas about sexual and gender dissidence were too confused to congeal into a coherent form in the Middle Ages, the author demonstrates that sodomy had a rich, multimedia presence in the period - and that a flexible approach to questions of terminology sheds new light on the many forms this presence took.

From Boys to Men - Ruth Mazo Karras 2003
An exploration of the creation of adult masculine identities in the 14th-15th centuries, this volume takes a close look at the roles of men through the lens of three distinct institutions: the university, the aristocratic household & court, & the craft workshop.

The Medieval World - Peter Linehan

2013-09-13

This groundbreaking collection brings the Middle Ages to life and conveys the distinctiveness of this diverse, constantly changing period. Thirty-eight scholars bring together one medieval world from many disparate worlds, from Connacht to Constantinople and from Tynemouth to Timbuktu. This extraordinary set of reconstructions presents the reader with a vivid re-drawing of the medieval past, offering fresh appraisals of the evidence and modern historical writing. Chapters are thematically linked in four sections: identities beliefs, social values and symbolic order power and power-structures elites, organizations and groups. Packed full of

original scholarship, *The Medieval World* is essential reading for anyone studying medieval history.

Listening to the Sirens - Judith Peraino 2006

Judith Perraino investigates how music has been used throughout history to call into question norms of gender and sexuality. Beginning with an examination of the mythology surrounding the Sirens, she goes on to consider musical creatures, gods, humans and music-addled listeners.

The Oxford Handbook of Women and Gender in Medieval Europe - Judith M. Bennett 2013-08-22

Provides a comprehensive overview of the gender rules encountered in Europe in the period between approximately 500 and 1500 C.E.

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