**GENERAL REFERENCE**

[St. Michael’s Library 1st Floor Reference Area – HQ1143 .W643 2004]

This 2-volume set contains multi-page scholarly articles on individual women and on broad topics relating to women between the second and fifteenth centuries. The lengthy bibliographies include both primary and secondary sources.

[PIMS Library, 4th Floor Kelly Library - HQ1143 .L38 2001 IMSF]

With entries on women from England, France, Germany, Japan, and other nations, this 1-volume work covers the culture, history and circumstances of medieval women from A.D. 500 to 1500.

*Women in the Middle Ages [Videorecording].* Produced by the Media Centre and Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto; directed by Gail Singer and Amy Bodman. Toronto: University of Toronto, Information Commons, 2011.  
[Media Commons Library, 3rd Floor Robarts Library – VideoDVD 757216]

Using excerpts from medieval texts, this film demonstrates women’s involvement in medieval life between 1150 and 1400. Focusing chiefly on social history, the film corrects some misconceptions about women in the middle ages.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – CT3220 .A56 1992]  
[Robarts Library 4th Floor Reference Area – CT3220 .A56 1992]

This work offers short entries on hundreds of medieval women, plus methods for finding women based on when and where they lived, as well as by their occupation. Contains a large bibliography of primary and secondary sources that are useful for the study of women in the Middle Ages.
[Robarts Library 11th Floor Stacks – HQ1143 .E93 2000X]

This resource brings together biographical profiles of 70 women, representing 18 countries. They include artists, builders, mystics, political leaders, religious activists, diarists and dramatists, poets and writers, and scholars.

**Early Modern Women Database**
[Available for free online: http://www.lib.umd.edu/ETC/LOCAL/emw/emw.php3]

Links to web resources about women focusing on the period from 1500 to 1800, but also including some links to web sites about the medieval period.

**Feminae: Medieval Women and Gender Index**
[Available for free online: http://www.haverford.edu/library/reference/mschaus/mfi/mfi.html]

An index to journal articles, essays, and reviews of books about women, sexuality, and gender in the Middle Ages.

**GENERAL STUDIES**

[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – PR1120 .W66 2010]

[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – HQ1143 .P68]

Divided into five sections: Medieval ideas about women; The lady; The working woman in town and country; The education of women; Nunneries.

[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – HQ1147 .E85 S5213 1991]

Concentrates on western Europe; one of the most influential works on this topic.

**Studying Medieval Women: Sex, Gender, Feminism.** Edited by Nancy F. Partner. Cambridge: The Medieval Academy of America, 1993
[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – HQ1143 .S78 1993]

A collection of articles from an issue of the journal *Speculum*, all of which deal with women in the Middle Ages.
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Concentrates on women in medieval France.

[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – HQ1147 .I8 S58 2001]

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Women in Medieval Western European Culture. Edited by Linda E. Mitchell. New
[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – HQ1147 .E85 W655 1999]

A collection of twenty essays, grouped into various categories, including law, marriage, work, religion, and art.

PIMS Library, 4th Floor Kelly Library – DC611 .B78 W6545 2010 IMS

PRIMARY SOURCES

[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – PR1912 .A2W65 1992]

A selection of primary texts grouped according to their role in formulating medieval antifeminism. The selections reveal the early roots in pre-Christian material, the theme in writings of the Church Fathers, antifeminist tales and concludes with defensive responses by contemporary figures.

[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – HQ1143 .M44 1990]

A collection of essays addressing the perceptions of women in a number of different sources such as French sigillographic sources, Old Norse sources, in obstetric and gynecological literature, coins and saints’ lives.

[Robarts Library – HQ1143 .W65 1993]
[New College Library – HQ1143 .W65 1993]

Includes index and bibliography.

Includes index and bibliography.

Internet Medieval Sourcebook – Selected Sources on Sex and Gender. Edited by Paul Halsall. [Available for free online: http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/sbook1v.html]

Links to primary source material available online.

Bibliography on Women in Byzantium [Available for free online: http://www.doaks.org/research/byzantine/women_in_byzantium.html]

Compiled by Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine Studies. Includes a list of primary sources available in translation, secondary sources, and web resources.

RELIGION, CHURCH AND CONVENT LIFE


Includes extensive notes and a good index.


Each translation is preceded by an introduction and bibliography.

Includes an index.


A study of religious orders for women from 600-1500.


Includes an index and bibliography.


Includes illustrations, bibliography, and index.


Includes an index and bibliography.


Translations of legends about female saints.

**RULES FOR WOMEN IN RELIGIOUS ORDERS**


Rule for canonesses issued in 816 by the Council of Aachen (Aix). Similar to Benedictine Rule except a canoness had the right to retain property but not manage it.


Sixth century female rules written for the monastery of St.John of Arles, France.
**MEDICINE**

[New College Library - RT31 .E33 1973]

48-page pamphlet sketching the suppression of witches in medieval Europe.


[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – R133 .H8]

Includes an appendix of Women Practitioners of the Later Middle Ages, a Glossary of Herbs, a bibliography, and an index.

[Emmanuel Library – R144 .H54S77 1988]  

**WOMEN AND WORK**

[Robarts Library – HQ1147 .B4 H88 2011X]

This book discusses city life, women and property, married and single women as producers and sellers, and general patterns of women’s economic involvement.

[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – HQ1236.5 .E85 W645 2010]

Includes an index and bibliography.

[Robarts Library 11th Floor Stacks – HD6134 .C67 2000X]

Organized by trade/profession. Includes illustrations and an index.

[St. Michael’s 2nd Floor – HD6134 .H69 1986]

Includes an index and bibliography.
## Witchcraft and Heresy


[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BT1319 .P47]

Discusses medieval sects and heresies.


Includes an index and bibliography.


Includes an index and bibliography.


[Robarts Library 13th Floor Stacks – PT7162 .W56M67 1991]

Examines witches in Old Norse and German literature.


[Knox Library – BV 639 .W7C58 2000]
[Robarts Library 9th Floor Stacks – BV639 .W7C58 2000X]
[Victoria College, Emmanuel Library – BV639 .W7C58 2000]

A history of forgotten Christian women: beguines, Anabaptists, witches and nuns.

**Witchcraft Documents - Fifteenth Century. Internet Medieval Sourcebook.** Copyright Paul Halsall, 1996. halsall@murray.fordham.edu

[Available online for free: http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/source/witches1.html]

## Women and the Law


[Robarts Library – KKT517.5 .K45 2010X]

**Cáin Lánamna : an old Irish tract on marriage and divorce law.** By Charlene M. Eska. Leiden ; Boston : Brill, 2010.

[Robarts Library - KDK203 .E83 2010]
A concise article directing the reader to references in key legal texts by Gratian, Benard of Parma, Thomas Aquinas and earlier law codes such as the Digest of Justinian on women’s sexual rights. The bibliography of primary and secondary sources is extensive.

[Robarts Library 11th Floor Stacks – K644 .M43 2000]

A study of the legal status of women from 500 - 1500.

[Robarts Library 9th Floor Stacks – BV639 .W7M47 1985]

A collection of articles published from various sources (1951-76) on the legal status of women and children.

[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX1939 .M6M33 1997]

A historical view of canon law concerning convents and religious orders for women.

[Robarts Library 11th Floor Stacks – HQ186 .A5 K37 1996]

A study of prostitution and sexuality in medieval England.

[St. Michael’s 3rd Floor – BX1939 .M6K4 1941]

A study of the canonical legislation on the dowry of women religious.

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca. Search “E-journals” for **Russian Review.** Click on “go.” Then select the JSTOR option.]
FAMILY AND MARRIAGE


Primary documents translated from Latin.


Medieval law, secrecy, gossip, sodomy and social conditions about marriages in literature during the middle ages. Includes extensive bibliographical references.


Studies on wills and marriage from 1066 – 1485.


A study of marital property and law in medieval Flanders and Douai, France.


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