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Tradition and Identity University of Toronto Press

A biography of Vittoria Colonna, confidante of Michelangelo, scion of one of the most powerful families of her era, and a pivotal figure in the Italian Renaissance Ramie Targoff's Renaissance Woman tells of the most remarkable woman of the Italian Renaissance: Vittoria Colonna, Marchesa of Pescara. Vittoria has long been celebrated by scholars of Michelangelo as the artist's best friend—the two of them exchanged beautiful letters, poems, and works of art that bear witness to their intimacy—but she also had close ties to Charles V, Pope Clement VII and Pope Paul III, Pietro Bembo, Baldassare Castiglione, Pietro Aretino, Queen Marguerite de Navarre, Reginald Pole, and Isabella d'Este, among others. Vittoria was the scion of an immensely powerful family in Rome during that city's most explosively creative era. Art and literature flourished, but political and religious life were under terrific strain. Personally involved with nearly every major development of this period—through both her marriage and her own talents—Vittoria was not only a critical

political actor and negotiator but also the first woman to publish a book of poems in Italy, an event that launched a revolution for Italian women's writing. Vittoria was, in short, at the very heart of what we celebrate when we think about sixteenth-century Italy; through her story the Renaissance comes to life anew.

The Letters of Pietro Aretino Camden House

After classical antiquity, the Italian Renaissance raised the portrait, whether literary or pictorial, to the status of an important art form. Among sixteenth-century Renaissance painters, Titian made his reputation, and much of his living, by portraiture. Titian's portraits were promoted by his friend, Pietro Aretino, an eminent poet and critic, who addressed his letters and sonnets to the same personages whom Titian portrayed. In many of these letters (which often included sonnets), Aretino described both an individual patron and Titian's portrait of that patron, thus stimulating the reciprocal relation between a verbal and pictorial portrait. By investigating this unprecedented historical phenomenon, Luba Freedman elucidates the meaning conveyed by the portrait as an artistic form in Renaissance Italy. Fusing iconographical analysis of the most famous Titian portraits with rhetorical analysis of

Aretino's literary legacy as compared to contemporary reactions, Freedman demonstrates that it is due to Titian's many portraits and to Aretino's repeated simultaneous writings about them that the portrait ceased being primarily a social-historical document, preserving the sitter's likeness for posterity. It gradually became, as it is today, a work of art, the artist's invention, which gives its viewer an aesthetic pleasure.

Italian Literature before 1900 in English Translation Oxford University Press on Demand

An interdisciplinary exploration of one of the most prolific and controversial figures of early modern Europe. This volume is comprised of seven sections, each devoted to a specific aspect Aretino's life and works.

Self-presentation and Social Identification [Hamden, Conn.] : Archon Books

This is a lively study of the autobiographical instinct in a variety of 16th and 17th century modes of writing in English, from letters and memoirs to pastoral, polemic and street ballads. The book's central concern is how "selves" are "betrayed" in texts, particularly in the centuries before the autobiography was a recognized genre. It suggests that self-representation in the early modern period was often indirect, emerging in oblique and surprising ways.

Pietro Aretino Hesperus Press

With an interdisciplinary approach that encompasses the history of ideas, political history, cultural history and art history, this volume, in the successful Routledge Worlds series, offers a sweeping survey of Europe in the Renaissance, from the late thirteenth to early seventeenth centuries, and shows how the Renaissance laid key foundations for many aspects of the

modern world. Collating thirty-four essays from the field's leading scholars, John Jeffries Martin shows that this period of rapid and complex change resulted from a convergence of a new set of social, economic and technological forces alongside a cluster of interrelated practices including painting, sculpture, humanism and science, in which the elites engaged. Unique in its balance of emphasis on elite and popular culture, on humanism and society, and on women as well as men, *The Renaissance World* grapples with issues as diverse as Renaissance patronage and the development of the slave trade. Beginning with a section on the antecedents of the Renaissance world, and ending with its lasting influence, this book is an invaluable read, which students and scholars of history and the Renaissance will dip into again and again.

Italian Art, 1500-1600 *The Letters of Pietro Aretino*

This volume questions the present-day assumption holding the Italian academies to be the model for the European literary and learned society, by juxtaposing them to other types of contemporary literary and learned associations in several Western European countries.

The Letters Penn State Press

Jacopo Tintoretto (1518-94) is an ambiguous figure in the history of art. His radically unorthodox paintings are not readily classifiable, and although he was a Venetian by birth, his standing as a member of the Venetian school is constantly contested. But he was also a formidable maverick, abandoning the humanist narratives and sensuous color palette typical of the great Venetian master, Titian, in favor of a renewed concentration on core Christian subjects

painted in a rough and abbreviated chiaroscuro style. This generously illustrated book offers an extensive analysis of Tintoretto's greatest paintings, charting his life and work in the context of Venetian art and the culture of the Cinquecento. Tom Nichols shows that Tintoretto was an extraordinarily innovative artist who created a new manner of painting, which, for all of its originality and sophistication, was still able to appeal to the shared emotions of the widest possible audience. This compact, pocket edition features sixteen additional illustrations and a new afterword by the author, and it will continue to be one of the definitive treatments of this once grossly overlooked master.

The Works of Aretino Routledge
Textual Masculinity and the Exchange of Women in Renaissance Venice is a provocative analysis of the pornographic poetry written in patrician poet Domenico Venier's social circle. While Venier and his salon were renowned for elegant love sonnets featuring unattainable female beloveds, among themselves they wrote and circulated poems in Venetian dialect in which women were prostitutes whose defiled bodies were available to all. Courtney Quaintance analyses poetry, letters, plays, and verse dialogues to show how male writers established, sustained, and publicized their relationships to one another through the exchange of fictional women. She also shows how Gaspara Stampa and Veronica Franco, two women writers with ties to the salon, appropriated and transformed tropes of female sexuality and male literary collaboration to position themselves within this homosocial literary economy. Based on archival work and Quaintance's exceptional knowledge of Venetian

dialect poetry, *Textual Masculinity and the Exchange of Women in Renaissance Venice* is an unprecedented window into the understudied world of Venetian literature.

A Romance LED Edizioni Universitarie
Some called him "The Scourge of Princes" whilst to others he was a rogue and a scoundrel. This is a new biography of Pietro Aretino, the sixteenth-century poet, satirist, journalist, publicist, propagandist, art critic, social climber, lothario, pornographer and blackmailer of Kings, Popes and Emperors. It is the astonishing story of a man who began life as the penniless son of a cobbler and his wife, the town harlot, who rose to amuse Pope Leo X, infuriate Pope Adrian VI with his acerbic pasquinades, and befriend Pope Clement VII. Minted as a Knight of Rhodes, given a pension (and a golden necklace of lying tongues) by the King of France, and permitted to ride at the side of the Emperor Charles V, Pietro Aretino refused to allow his modest social beginnings to define him. An entirely self-created individual, "The Divine Aretino" was arguably the first modern celebrity. He was the close friend of perhaps the greatest Venetian artist of his era, Titian. His "Lustful Sonnets" scandalised all of Rome, he had the nerve to teach Michelangelo how and what to paint, whilst his bestselling collections of candid and personable Letters leave us with an astonishingly vivid account of life in sixteenth-century Venice. This is the engaging portrait of a man, a poet, a lover, and a survivor in turbulent times.

The Works of Aretino Editorial Edinumen

Although throughout history women had been confined to enclosed spaces, the advent of courtly life and culture required that men and women would

share and interact in public arenas like the princely courts, intellectual salons, or gambling houses. But also in all of these public spaces behavioral rules and regulations aimed to control women's body by equating honesty with chastity. In this monograph I analyze how in the XVI, XVII, and XVIII centuries women in general, and in particular prostitutes and courtesans, repeatedly challenged those rules in the attempt to affirm their individual freedom. I call this behavior «social amphibology», as just like amphibians these women were able to cross class boundaries and thrive in different social environments. My analysis has three complementary approaches. First, an historical approach where census documents and sumptuary laws are investigated in order to describe the ways in which the political establishment unsuccessfully attempts to enforce its rules over women's behavior. Second, a literary approach where works by Castiglione, Aretino, Bandello, and Veronica Franco are analyzed in order to emphasize the terminological proximity between the legal and the literary languages, and the evolution of the term «courtesan» with its attribute «honest». A third - visual - approach looks at prints of women's clothing, made by XVI and XVII century artists. The iconographic similarity of all of the images requires a set of rubrics or labels, as a way to control such visual amphibology. In the last segment of this monograph I apply a diachronic perspective to these visual representations as I show how contemporary art historians use the same means of categorization, used in previous centuries, to identify - without any definite proof - paintings and prints included in two recent art exhibitions. *Renaissance Woman* University of

Toronto Press

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The Works of Aretino Letters and Sonnets Wildside Press LLC

Forms of Self-Representation in Early Modern English Texts Northwestern University Press

The first comprehensive guide to women's promotion and use of textual culture, in manuscript and print, in Renaissance Italy.

Women and the Circulation of Texts in Renaissance Italy Springer

Italian Literature before 1900 in English Translation provides the most complete record possible of texts from the early periods that have been translated into English, and published between 1929 and 2008. It lists works from all genres and subjects, and includes translations wherever they have appeared across the globe. In this annotated bibliography, Robin Healey covers over 5,200 distinct editions of pre-1900 Italian writings. Most entries are accompanied by useful notes providing information on authors, works, translators, and how the translations were received. Among the works by over 1,500 authors represented in this volume are hundreds of editions by Italy's most translated authors - Dante Alighieri, Machiavelli, and Boccaccio - and other hundreds which represent the author's only English translation. A significant number of entries describe works originally published in Latin. Together with Healey's Twentieth-Century Italian Literature in English Translation, this volume makes comprehensive information on translations accessible for schools, libraries, and those interested in comparative literature.

The Renaissance courtesan in words, letters and images Penn State Press

Annual collection of essays, this year treating works by Donne, Shakespeare, Marvell, and Spenser, among other topics.

Cassell Dictionary Italian Literature
Cambridge University Press

Pietro Aretino (1492-1556) was an influential Italian author, playwright, poet and satirist. He is credited with inventing modern literate pornography.

The Rhetoric and Pragmatics of Letter Writing in Early Modern Times A&C Black

Before Pornography explores the relationship between erotic writing, masculinity, and national identity in Renaissance England. Drawing on both manuscripts and printed texts, and incorporating insights from modern feminist theory and queer studies, the book argues that pornography is a historical phenomenon: while the representation of sexual activity exists in nearly all cultures, pornography does not. The book includes analyses of the social significance of eroticism in such canonical texts as Sidney's *Defense of Poesy* and Spenser's *Faerie Queene*.

Tintoretto Reaktion Books

Bawdy and thoroughly risqué, this 16th-century masterpiece is the work of Pietro Aretino, widely regarded as the originator of European pornographic writing. With a Foreword by Paul Bailey. Determined that her daughter should not be ignorant of the ways of men and love, Nanna seeks to "educate" the naïve Pippa. She tells of women—whores, housewives, and nuns all being essentially the same; and of how to win men—discreetly and with good manners. But mostly, she reveals to Pippa the secrets of her art as a courtesan. The ensuing dialogue, laden with satiric twists and naughty puns, offers a fresh and lively example of the

harlot's world, displaying a frankness that confides in today's reader as shrewdly as it was intended in 16th-century Rome. Italian satirist and poet Pietro Aretino (1492-1556) was one of the most versatile writers of the 16th century; the author of plays, poetry, and letters, he is now principally remembered as the originator of European pornography.

Florence in the Time of the Medici BRILL
Art and the cultured public - Documents on art and artists - Mid-century Venetian art criticism - Vasari - Art theory in the second half of the century - The Counter-Reformation - Artists, amateurs and collectors - On beauty.

Leuven University Press

The first definitive biography of the master painter in more than a century, Titian: His Life is being hailed as a "landmark achievement" for critically acclaimed author Sheila Hale (Publishers Weekly). Brilliant in its interpretation of the 16th-century master's paintings, this monumental biography of Titian draws on contemporary accounts and recent art historical research and scholarship, some of it previously unpublished, providing an unparalleled portrait of the artist, as well as a fascinating rendering of Venice as a center of culture, commerce, and power. Sheila Hale's *Titian* is destined to be this century's authoritative text on the life of greatest painter of the Italian High Renaissance. *A Companion to Pietro Aretino* University of Toronto Press

Presented for the first time in a critical English edition, *Urania: A Romance* provides modern readers with a rare glimpse into the novel and novella forms at a time when narrative genres were not only being invented but, in the hands of women like Giulia Bigolina (1518?-1569?), used as vehicles for

literary experimentation. The first known prose romance written by a woman in Italian, Bigolina's *Urania* centers on the monomaniacal love of a female character falling into melancholy when her beloved leaves her for a more beautiful woman. A tale that includes many of the conventions that would later become standards of the genre—cross-dressing, travel, epic skirmishes, and daring deeds—*Urania* also contains the

earliest treatise on the worth of women. Also included in this volume, the novella *Giulia Camposampiero* is the only extant part of a probable longer narrative written in the style of the *Decameron*. While employing some of those same gender and role reversals as *Urania*, including the privileging of heroic constancy in both men and women, it chronicles the tribulations that a couple undergoes until their secret marriage is publicly recognized.