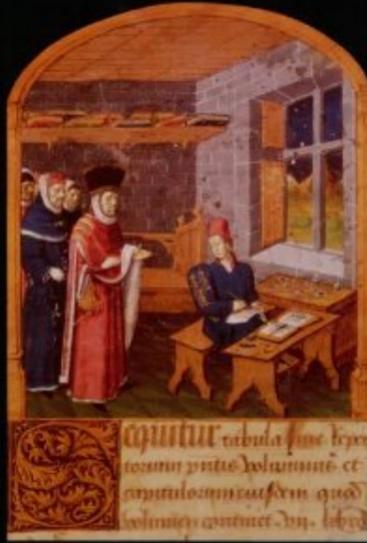


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Medieval Illuminators and Their Methods of Work-Jonathan James Graham Alexander 1992-01-01 Who were the medieval illuminators? How were their hand-produced books illustrated and decorated? In this beautiful book Jonathan Alexander presents a survey of manuscript illumination throughout Europe from the fourth to the sixteenth century. He discusses the social and historical context of the illuminators' lives, considers their methods of work, and presents a series of case studies to show the range and nature of the visual sources and the ways in which they were adapted, copied, or created anew. Alexander explains that in the early period, Christian monasteries and churches were the main centers for the copying of manuscripts, and so the majority of illuminators were monks working in and for their own monasteries. From the eleventh century, lay scribes and illuminators became increasingly numerous, and by the thirteenth century, professional illuminators dominated the field. During this later period, illuminators were able to travel in search of work and to acquire new ideas, they joined guilds with scribes or with artists in the cities, and their ranks included nuns and secular women. Work was regularly collaborative, and the craft was learned through an apprenticeship system. Alexander carefully analyzes surviving manuscripts and medieval treatises in order to explain the complex and time-consuming technical processes of illumination - its materials, methods, tools, choice of illustration, and execution. From rare surviving contracts, he deduces the preoccupation of patrons with materials and schedules. Illustrating his discussion with examples chosen from religious and secular manuscripts made all over Europe, Alexander recreates the astonishing variety and creativity of medieval illumination. His book will be a standard reference for years to come.

Scribes and Illuminators-Christopher De Hamel 1992-01-01 Looks at the work of medieval paper, parchment, and ink makers, scribes, illuminators, binders, and booksellers

Understanding Illuminated Manuscripts, revised-Michelle P. Brown 2018-12-04 A standard reference in the field of manuscript studies for over twenty years, now revised and updated with full-color illustrations throughout What is a historiated initial? What are canon tables? What is a drollery? This revised edition of *Understanding Illuminated Manuscripts: A Guide to Technical Terms* offers definitions of the key elements of illuminated manuscripts, demystifying the techniques, processes, materials, nomenclature, and styles used in the making of these precious books. Updated to reflect current research and technologies, this beautifully illustrated guide includes images of important manuscript illuminations from the collection of the J. Paul Getty Museum and beyond. Concise, readable explanations of the technical terms most frequently encountered in manuscript studies make this portable volume an essential resource for students, scholars, and readers who wish a deeper understanding and enjoyment of illuminated manuscripts and medieval book production. Praise for the first edition: "Highly recommended for a wide range of readers."—CHOICE "Not only does it make lucid the most complex conventions of the illumination, but it is also a pocket history of the Middle Ages."—Magazine Antiques

The Art of Allusion-Sonja Drimmer 2018-10-16 At the end of the fourteenth and into the first half of the fifteenth century Geoffrey Chaucer, John Gower, and John Lydgate translated and revised stories with long pedigrees in Latin, Italian, and French. Royals and gentry alike commissioned lavish manuscript copies of these works, copies whose images were integral to the rising prestige of English as a literary language. Yet despite the significance of these images, manuscript illuminators are seldom discussed in the major narratives of the development of English literary culture. The newly enlarged scale of English manuscript production generated a problem: namely, a need for new images. Not only did these images need to accompany narratives that often had no tradition of illustration, they also had to express novel concepts, including ones as foundational as the identity and suitable representation of an English poet. In devising this new corpus, manuscript artists harnessed visual allusion as

a method to articulate central questions and provide at times conflicting answers regarding both literary and cultural authority. Sonja Drimmer traces how, just as the poets embraced intertextuality as a means of invention, so did illuminators devise new images through referential techniques—assembling, adapting, and combining images from a range of sources in order to answer the need for a new body of pictorial matter. Featuring more than one hundred illustrations, twenty-seven of them in color, *The Art of Allusion* is the first book devoted to the emergence of England's literary canon as a visual as well as a linguistic event.

Studies in Italian Manuscript Illumination-Jonathan James Graham Alexander 2002 A comprehensive selection of Professor Alexander's papers that consider Italian manuscript illumination through the medieval and Renaissance periods. The volume includes a new essay on marginal illustrations as well as older papers which discuss some of the most celebrated works of the period, and have been revised and updated here.

The Use of Models in Medieval Book Painting-Monika E. Müller 2014-06-02 Until recently, the phenomenon of copying in medieval book painting has been considered mainly in terms of the reconstruction of pictorial sources used for the composition or iconography of miniatures, initials, or decorative elements. Although historic sources only rarely mention the circumstances of manuscripts' production, one particular widely-accepted hypothesis has prevailed until now, according to which artists used model drawings or sketch books with the aim of facilitating the production of copies and the creation of new picture cycles. However, it is no longer sufficient to regard medieval book painting in its diachronic dimension only through these lenses. Rather, one should consider Robert W. Scheller's critique that "When using the model hypothesis one must always be mindful of other factors which are known to have played a part in the transmission of art in the Middle Ages". The contributions of this volume deal with these issues by focusing on book painting between the 10th and 16th centuries.

Western European Illuminated Manuscripts of the 8th to the 16th Centuries in the National Library of Russia, St Petersburg-Tamara Pavlovna Voronova 1996 A complete guide to Western European illuminated manuscripts

Antiquarian Book Monthly- 1993

Materials, Methods, and Masterpieces of Medieval Art-Janetta Rebold Benton 2009-08-27 A comprehensive and informed analysis explores the startlingly diverse and sophisticated fine arts in the Middle Ages. • Includes 76 illustrations

Medievalia Et Humanistica- 1994

Piety in Pieces-Kathryn M. Rudy 2016-09-26 Medieval manuscripts resisted obsolescence. Made by highly specialised craftspeople (scribes, illuminators, book binders) with labour-intensive processes using exclusive and sometimes exotic materials (parchment made from dozens or hundreds of skins, inks and paints made from prized minerals, animals and plants), books were expensive and built to last. They usually outlived their owners. Rather than discard them when they were superseded, book owners found ways to update, amend and upcycle books or book parts. These activities accelerated in the fifteenth century. Most manuscripts made before 1390 were bespoke and made for a particular client, but those made after 1390 (especially books of hours) were increasingly made for an open market, in which the producer was not in direct contact with the buyer. Increased efficiency led to more generic products, which owners were motivated to personalise. It also led to more blank parchment in the book, for example, the backs of inserted miniatures and the blank ends of textual components.

Book buyers of the late fourteenth and throughout the fifteenth century still held onto the old connotations of manuscripts—that they were custom-made luxury items—even when the production had become impersonal. Owners consequently purchased books made for an open market and then personalised them, filling in the blank spaces, and even adding more components later. This would give them an affordable product, but one that still smacked of luxury and met their individual needs. They kept older books in circulation by amending them, attached items to generic books to make them more relevant and valuable, and added new prayers with escalating indulgences as the culture of salvation shifted. Rudy considers ways in which book owners adjusted the contents of their books from the simplest (add a marginal note, sew in a curtain) to the most complex (take the book apart, embellish the components with painted decoration, add more quires of parchment). By making sometimes extreme adjustments, book owners kept their books fashionable and emotionally relevant. This study explores the intersection of codicology and human desire. Rudy shows how increased modularisation of book making led to more standardisation but also to more opportunities for personalisation. She asks: What properties did parchment manuscripts have that printed books lacked? What are the interrelationships among technology, efficiency, skill loss and standardisation?

Boccaccio's Des Cleres Et Nobles Femmes-Brigitte Buettnner 1996 The first surviving illuminated manuscript of the French translation of Boccaccio's *De mulieribus claris*, known as the *Cleres femmes* (now in the *Bibliothèque Nationale*, Paris), is the subject of this book. The manuscript was commissioned by a Parisian merchant, Jacques Raponde, as a New Year's gift for the duke of Burgundy, Philip the Bold. This innovative aspect of the commission, where a merchant rather than a prince acted as the patron of the manuscript, provides the subject for the first part of Buettnner's study. In addition to sketching the Valois rulers' practice of collecting illuminated manuscripts and to tracing the reasons for the successful reception of Boccaccio's work in this courtly milieu, the author delineates the role of merchants in Parisian artistic production around 1400.

Manuscripta- 2007 Issues for Feb. 1957-July 1959 include a Checklist of the Vatican manuscript codices available for consultation at the Knights of Columbus Vatican Film Library at St. Louis University Library.

The British Library Guide to Manuscript Illumination-Christopher De Hamel 2001 Medieval manuscript expert Christopher de Hamel selects and discusses a range of illuminated manuscripts from the British Library's unparalleled collection, some of them unfinished and so revealing the processes involved in an illuminator's work. He also explores the role of illuminators in the medieval book trade - how books were commissioned, the patron's expectations, how illuminators worked with scribes, the materials and techniques they used, and the time and expertise involved in creating some outstanding masterpieces of medieval art. With over 70 colour and black-and-white illustrations, *The British Library Guide to Manuscript Illumination* is an authoritative and engaging guide to one of the central aspects of medieval bookmaking for anyone interested in medieval art, social history, calligraphy, or illumination. One of a series of accessible and lively introductions to the history of books and how they are made.

The Best Books for Academic Libraries: Music & fine arts- 2002 Books recommended for undergraduate and college libraries listed by Library of Congress Classification Numbers.

The Art of the Book-Margaret M. Manion 1998 Essays on books designed for both public and private worship, with the focus on illustrations and illuminations, and also emphasising aspects such as patronage and the relation between patron and producer, and the role of music in manuscripts. Contents: The early insular prayer book tradition and the development of the book of hours (Bernard J.

The Ricardian- 1994

English Manuscript Studies, 1100-1700-Peter Beal 1995 This annual periodical offers contributions which address the importance of manuscript studies in the interdisciplinary investigation of medieval and renaissance art, literature and history.

Lazamon-Rosamund Allen 2002 Contributors: Eric Stanley, Daniel Donoghue, Carole Weinberg, John Frankis, Cyril Edwards, Andrew Breeze,

Herbert Pilch, Elizabeth J. Bryan, W.R.J. Barron, Richard Dance, Philip Durkin, Michiko Ogura, Robert McColl Millar, Gloria Mercatanti, Rosamund Allen, James Noble, Lucy Hay, Joseph D. Parry, Marie-Françoise Alamichel, Kelley M. Wickham-Crowley, Kenneth J. Tiller, Lucy Perry, Wayne Glowka

New Medieval Literatures- 2001

New Science Out of Old Books-Richard Beadle 1995 The broad character of Doyle's research interests is reflected in the wide range of areas covered by these essays, from late-medieval book production, textual transmission and reception, to the part books played in the lives of English people from the twelfth to the seventeenth century.

"Gender, Piety, and Production in Fourteenth-Century English Apocalypse Manuscripts"-Renana Bartal 2017-07-05 *Gender, Piety, and Production in Fourteenth-Century English Apocalypse Manuscripts* is the first in-depth study of three textually and iconographically diverse Apocalypses illustrated in England in the first half of the fourteenth century by a single group of artists. It offers a close look at a group of illuminators previously on the fringe of art historical scholarship, challenging the commonly-held perception of them as mere craftsmen at a time when both audiences and methods of production were becoming increasingly varied. Analyzing the manuscripts' codicological features, visual and textual programmes, and social contexts, it explores the mechanisms of a fourteenth-century commercial workshop and traces the customization of these books of the same genre to the needs and expectations of varied readers, revealing the crucial influence of their female audience. The book will be of interest to scholars and students of English medieval art, medieval manuscripts, and the medieval Apocalypse, as well as medievalists interested in late medieval spirituality and theology, medieval religious and intellectual culture, book patronage and ownership, and female patronage and ownership.

The Yale University Library Gazette- 1996

Recasting the Past-Rebecca Barnhouse 2000 Provides an overview of the Middle Ages, details of everyday life of the period, and tips on evaluating literature for historical accuracy, and lists nineteen novels that can be paired with history lessons and literary texts.

The Romance of the Rose Illuminated-Alcuin Blamires 2002 A central work in medieval culture and modern scholarship, the *Romance of the rose* was among the most consistently illustrated of medieval secular texts. Consequently, interpretation of the visual evidence has played a significant part in elucidating the poem and its derivatives. This volume reproduces in color, with commentary and full contextual discussion, all the miniatures from five unpublished illuminated manuscripts of *Le Roman de la rose* in the National Library of Wales.

The Splendor of the Word-Jonathan Jgg Alexander 2005 The New York Public Library's collection of nearly three hundred Western European illuminated manuscripts is one of the largest in America but also one that is very little known. Dating from the turn of the tenth century unto well into the period of the Renaissance, these works give vivid testimony to the creative impulses of the often nameless craftsmen who discovered ever-new ways of animating the contents of hand-produced books through inventive and sometimes exuberant manipulations of all the elements of the book: form and format, layout, script, decoration, illustration, and binding. To introduce this magnificent collection and many of its most important works to scholars and the wider audience, *The Splendor of the Word* presents one hundred manuscripts of particular cultural, historical, and artistic significance, selected from the Library's collection by three of the most distinguished scholars in the field--Jonathan J. G. Alexander, Professor of Fine Arts at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, a specialist in early medieval, Romanesque, and Italian illuminated manuscripts; James H. Marrow, Professor Emeritus of Art History at Princeton University, a specialist in late medieval illuminated manuscripts; and Lucy Freeman Sandler, Professor of Art History Emerita at New York University, a specialist in Gothic illuminated manuscripts. The makers of medieval illuminated manuscripts invested their books with sparkle and visual energy. They did so to stimulate delight, imagination, and memory-to make of them objects that fascinate and charm as well as instruct. One need have no knowledge of medieval languages or habits of thought to appreciate the high quality and the aesthetic ebullience of the finely crafted manuscripts shown here, for the very first time, to anyone interested in the ways that

books help to define the social, intellectual, and imaginative horizons of their users. Jonathan J. G. Alexander, Professor of Fine Arts at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, a specialist in early medieval, Romanesque, and Italian illuminated manuscripts. James H. Marrow, Professor Emeritus of Art History at Princeton University, a specialist in late medieval illuminated manuscripts Lucy Freeman Sandler, Professor of Art History Emerita at New York University, a specialist in Gothic illuminated manuscripts

The Jeanne Miles Blackburn Collection of Manuscript Illuminations-Stephen N. Fliegel 1999

Italian Late-medieval and Renaissance Drawing-books-Albert J. Elen 1995

Reading Medieval Studies- 2003

Approaches to Early-medieval Art-Lawrence Nees 1998 Contains seven contributions rejecting essentialist constructions in traditional art-historical analysis. Topics include iconoclasm and identity in early-medieval art, magic and money in the early Middle Ages, and the construction of sanctity in early medieval saints' shrines. First published as a special issue of *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies* (October 1997). Includes bandw maps, illustrations. Lacks an index. Distributed by the U. Press of Kansas. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

The Medieval Stained Glass of Wells Cathedral-Tim Ayers 2004 This handsome two-part set is the first fully illustrated study of one of the most substantial collections of medieval stained glass in England. The glass from the east end of Wells Cathedral (rebuilt by a thriving clerical community between 1320 and 1340) includes the five brilliantly coloured windows of the choir clerestory, with its seven-light Jesse east window, and glass from the famous polygonal Lady Chapel. There are also remains from the Chapter House, Library, Vicars' Close and the houses of the cathedral Chapter members. Besides describing and illustrating each panel, the volume has introductions to each part of the building or cathedral complex. These sections reconstruct what is known of the original glazing and its history, set it within the history of the buildings, their uses and issues of patronage, and reveal many new discoveries. An introduction places the findings within the wider context of recent international stained glass studies and late medieval art history.

Freedom of Movement in the Middle Ages-Peregrine Horden 2007

Friars, Scribes, and Corpses-Kimberly J. Vrudny 2010 The *Speculum humanae salvationis* (Mirror of Human Salvation), a medieval book recounting in forty-five chapters the story of human redemption within the larger context of the Virgin Mary's life, was something of a "best seller" in the Middle Ages, surviving in over 400 copies. Because the author wrote anonymously, however, little about the book's initial context is known despite a century's-long effort to uncover the author's identity. *Friars, Scribes, and Corpses* investigates a Marian confraternal setting for the *Speculum's* emergence, and newly proposes consideration of Nicola da Milano as the poem's author. Its central chapters show how the scribes who copied the *Speculum* preserved the author's rhetorical considerations that served so well the purposes of Marian confraternal preaching, including elements that suit memory training techniques used in the Middle Ages, such as building an architectural structure in one's mind, tagging memories with emotion, and internalizing the transformative nature of spiritual lessons. The final chapter asserts that the poem's lessons would have been particularly desired in the context of plague, when the number of corpses threatened to destroy people's faith in a merciful God. *Friars, Scribes, and Corpses* challenges assumptions about the *Speculum*, as well as the dominantly held view that there was an overwhelming emphasis on death in the late medieval period. Rather, this book demonstrates that there was a competing emphasis on life as glimpsed in the glass of the *Speculum*.

Astronomical Symbols on Ancient and Medieval Coins-Marshall Faintich 2008 "This work hypothesizes that astronomical symbols on ancient and medieval coins were often used as a way of recording actual celestial events of that period. The author provides more than 550 figures and line drawings of coins, maps, and astronomical events to illustrate this hypothesis"--Provided by publisher.

Tradition and Innovation in Later Medieval English Manuscripts-Kathleen L. Scott 2007 This volume examines a number of English manuscripts of the 15th and early 16th centuries never previously studied and all of which make a unique contribution to art history in this period.

Masters of the Dark Eyes-Klara H. Broekhuijsen 2009 This study deals with the work of the most prolific Dutch book illuminators, the so-called Masters of the Dark Eyes, named after the most conspicuous aspect of their style: the dark, heavily accentuated shadows round the eyes of the figures. With their elaborately illuminated manuscripts, these masters completely dominated book production in the County of Holland during the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. Their work is characterized by an overwhelming wealth of decorative and pictorial richness, which is especially evident in the unusually ornate programmes of the Books of Hours, and a new type of border decoration derived from the Ghent-Bruges School. This style of painting was practised by many artists of differing talents, as demonstrated by the large number of surviving manuscripts. Not all of the illuminators worked in Holland. Some of them settled in the Southern Netherlands, others emigrated to England, where they illuminated manuscripts for members of the English court. This monograph seeks to order, analyze and evaluate the work of the Masters of the Dark Eyes, and to position their achievements within the context of book illumination in the Northern Netherlands during the 'Waning of the Middle Ages'. It explores a virtually uncharted territory of Dutch manuscript painting. The accompanying descriptive catalogue provides complementary information on more than 70 manuscripts, many of which have never been published at length before. The work is illustrated with a wide selection of colour and black-and-white reproductions.

The Utrecht Psalter in Medieval Art-K. van der Horst 1996 The Utrecht Psalter, one of the great survivals of the Carolingian Renaissance, was made about 820-835 at the Benedictine monastery of Hautvilliers and decorated with 166 dynamic, almost impressionistic pen drawings which are masterly interpretation of the Psalter text. In 1996 it was exhibited in Utrecht, alongside related manuscripts such as the Aachen and Ebbo Gospels, the Byzantine Khludov Psalter and the later English Harly and Eadwine Psalters, copied in Canterbury when the Utrecht Psalter was for some centuries in England. Five scholarly essays, designed for a wide-ranging readership, include a discussion of Carolingian cultural achievements; an analysis of the Psalter itself and its place in the history of book production; an overview of medieval Psalter illustration in both Byzantium and the West; and an examination of the English copies of the Utrecht Psalter in the later Middle Ages.

Death of Arthur-Elizabeth Moore Willingham 2007 The multi-volume project responds to long-standing lacunae in Old French text study and Arthurian scholarship, in that it aims to provide a linguistically and scribally authentic text of a single illustrated Arthurian manuscript; in this case, it is one that has never before been edited, collated, or translated. Since research on text, language, and manuscript may be impeded by editorial policies operative in older editions of medieval narratives and since viewing the manuscripts directly is often difficult or impossible, the editorial board set protocols for the Lancelot Prose of 229 editions that would address the need for authentic, accessible texts, packaged with ancillaries to address a variety of reading and experience levels. At the same time, the board wished to take into account the potential of electronic images to enhance scholarly work and teaching based on the editions. The idea of a strictly diplomatic edition was discarded in light of digital technology's ability to provide high-resolution images of an original that are useful for close private study and public viewing. Thus each edition provides a useful, portable, authentic reading of Old French Arthurian narrative that is supported externally by online electronic images and internally by a selection of wonderful illustrations and a variety of ancillary materials and essays developed through years of study and teaching based on Yale 229. The *Mort* begins with the return of Bohors from the quest of the Holy Grail and narrates the declining fortunes of King Arthur and his Round Table through the dissolution of the Table and the death of Arthur. The tale includes Morgain's efforts to convince Arthur of Lancelot and Guinevere's adultery, Lancelot's battle to save Guinevere from burning at the stake, the dramatic discovery of Guinevere and Lancelot by Arthur's knights, the departure of Arthur from his kingdom to fight Lancelot, and Arthur's leaving his Kingdom, the keys to his treasury, and his Queen in the hands of the treacherous Mordret. In the closing folios, Arthur is mortally wounded by Mordret at the apocalyptic Battle of Salisbury Plain, and Lancelot returns to avenge Arthur against Mordret's two sons at the final Battle of Winchester. The book closes shortly after the death of Lancelot, with a rejection of the life of court and chivalry in favor of penance and spiritual fulfillment.

Transforming the Medieval World-Franz-Josef Arlinghaus 2006 When viewed retrospectively, the period between the eleventh and the fifteenth centuries was a phase of European history that was characterized by a radical and fundamental media transformation. Before this time, the vast majority of the population had never encountered the written word in their day-to-day activities. From the beginning of the second millennium, however, texts began to appear in, and influence, almost every sphere of human life. Medieval written texts were subject to revision, copying, embellishments, and deletions; they were read silently and aloud, and they were recited in a variety of contexts. This CD-ROM and book, *Transforming the Medieval World*, presents these changes dynamically by linking texts and images from this period, and by providing detailed commentaries on each of them. The multimedia environment offered on the CD visualizes these textual transformations and illustrates the adaptability and dynamism of writing and its reception. The uses of writing in this early phase of

intensive European literacy are analysed in eleven separate multimedia presentations, which are almost all based on research carried out by the Special Research Unit (SFB) between 1986 and 1999. The CD also contains an anthology of important essays, which provide the user with further reading materials, as well as a general bibliography. The book which accompanies the CD-ROM facilitates the use of the CD itself, and provides the various multimedia presentations in written format. As such, *Transforming the Medieval World* will be invaluable to both scholars and students interested in medieval literacy.

Als Ich Can-Bert Cardon 2002