

CONTENTS



| | |
|---|-----|
| <i>Acknowledgements</i> | vii |
| <i>Note on Quotations from Seventeenth-Century Texts</i> | ix |
| INTRODUCTION: Making A Virtue Of Necessity | 1 |
| CHAPTER ONE: Prophets and Prophecies | 26 |
| CHAPTER TWO: Religious Poetry, Meditations and Conversion Narratives | 54 |
| CHAPTER THREE: Autobiographies and Biographies of Husbands | 76 |
| CHAPTER FOUR: Romantic Love – Prose Fiction | 85 |
| CHAPTER FIVE: Romantic Love – Plays | 102 |
| CHAPTER SIX: Romantic Love – Poetry | 128 |
| CHAPTER SEVEN: Skills Books – Housewifery, Medicine, Midwifery | 165 |
| CHAPTER EIGHT: Education | 190 |
| POSTSCRIPT: Beginning Again | 204 |
| <i>Notes</i> | 208 |
| <i>Bibliography: Primary Sources</i> | 228 |
| <i>Selected Background and Further Reading</i> | 252 |
| <i>Index</i> | 261 |