

SEXUALITY AND GENDER IN THE ENGLISH RENAISSANCE

AN ANNOTATED EDITION
OF CONTEMPORARY DOCUMENTS

EDITED BY
LLOYD DAVIS

GARLAND PUBLISHING, INC.
A MEMBER OF THE TAYLOR & FRANCIS GROUP
NEW YORK AND LONDON
1998

Contents

Acknowledgments	xi
Introduction	xiii
Sermons and Homilies	
1. <i>Certain Sermons or Homilies Appointed to Be Read in Churches</i>	3
<i>A Sermon against Whoredom and Uncleanness</i>	5
<i>A Homily against Excess of Apparel</i>	16
<i>A Homily of the State of Matrimony</i>	24
2. <i>A White Sheet, or a Warning for Whoremongers</i> Richard Cooke	37
Moral and Religious Tracts	
3. <i>An Apology for Women</i> William Heale	63
4. <i>Of the Lawfulness of Marriage upon a Lawful Divorce</i> John Rainolds	89

- | | | |
|----|---|-----|
| 5. | <i>A Treatise against Painting and Tincturing
of Men and Women</i>
Thomas Tuke | 107 |
| 6. | <i>The Answer of a Mother unto Her Seduced
Son's Letter</i>
Ez. W. | 133 |
| 7. | <i>The Honor of Chastity: A Sermon</i>
John Featley | 145 |

Marriage and Household Manuals

- | | | |
|-----|--|-----|
| 8. | <i>The Order of Household: Described Methodically
out of the Word of God, with the Contrary
Abuses Found in the World</i>
Dudley Fenner | 165 |
| 9. | <i>A Godly Form of Household Government:
For the Ordering of Private Families</i>
Robert Cleaver | 183 |
| 10. | <i>A Discourse of Marriage and Wiving</i>
Alexander Niccholes | 213 |
| 11. | <i>The Mother's Blessing: Or, the Godly
Counsel of a Gentlewoman, not Long since
Deceased, Left behind for Her Children</i>
Dorothy Leigh | 231 |
| 12. | <i>A Bride-Bush: Or, a Direction for Married Persons</i>
William Whately | 245 |

Midwifery

- | | | |
|-----|--|-----|
| 13. | <i>The Birth of Mankind</i>
Eucharius Roesslin | 277 |
| 14. | <i>Childbirth, or the Happy Delivery of Women:
Wherein Is Set Down the Government of Women</i>
Jacques Guillimeau | 291 |

Ballads and Chapbooks

15. Ballads 309
- A Proper New Ballad Expressing the Fames,
Concerning a Warning to All London Dames* 311
Steven Peele
- The Contented Cuckold, or a Pleasant New Song
of a Newcastle Man, Whose Wife Being Gone from
Him, Showing How He Came to London to Her, and
When He Found Her Carried Her back again to
Newcastle Town* 313
- A Merry Dialogue betwixt a Married Man and His
Wife Concerning the Affairs of This Careful Life* 318
16. Chapbooks 323
- A Miraculous and Monstrous but yet Most True and
Certain Discourse of a Woman (now to be seen in
London) of the Age of Threescore Years, in the
Midst of Whose Forehead (by the wonderful work of
God) There Groweth out a Crooked Horn of Four Inches
Long* 324
- The Bridling, Saddling, and Riding of a Rich Churl
in Hampshire by the Subtle Practice of One Judeth
Philips, a Professed Cunning Woman or Fortune Teller* 328
- Witchcraft**
17. *A Discourse of the Damned Art of Witchcraft:
So Far Forth as It Is Revealed in the Scriptures
and Manifest by True Experience* 341
William Perkins
18. *The Admirable History of the Possession and
Conversion of a Penitent Woman* 351
Sebastien Michaelis

Law

19. <i>The Law's Resolutions of Women's Rights: Or, the Law's Provision for Women</i> T. E.	371
--	-----

Works Cited	407
--------------------	-----

Index	413
--------------	-----