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1. THE LATER MIDDLE AGES: STUDIES


Norman Cohn, *The Pursuit of the Millennium: Revolutionary Millenarians and Mystical Anarchists of the Middle Ages*, rev. ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1990). An entertaining study of the wildest of the fringe (and often heretical) groups that made headlines in the late Middle Ages and the early Reformation. See the chapter on the bizarre Anabaptist experiment in Munster.


2. JEAN GERSON & LATE MEDIEVAL REFORMERS: STUDIES & TEXTS


Rik Van Nieuwenhove, *Late Medieval Mysticism of the Low Countries*, Classics of Western Spirituality (New York: Paulist Press, 2008)


3. ERASMUS & RENAISSANCE HUMANISM: STUDIES


Cornelius Augustijn, *Erasmus: His Life, Works, and Influence*, trans. G.C. Grayson (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1996). Erasmus was perhaps the most complex personality of the period. A first-rate scholar, a skilled popularist with a talent for satire, Erasmus would in many respects set the agenda for the Reformation. Yet when push came to shove, he would side with the Catholics and become Luther’s most penetrating critic. The best biography to date.

Peter Ackroyd, *The Life of Thomas More* (New York: Doubleday Anchor, 1998). Catholics revere More as a martyr and saint, while some Protestants (including certain scholars) revile him as a narrow-minded persecutor. Kenny tries to sort through all this and


### 4. ERASMUS & THE RENAISSANCE HUMANISTS: TEXTS

Erika Rummel, ed., *The Erasmus Reader* (Toronto: University of Toronto, 1990). The University of Toronto is currently translating the complete works of Erasmus (some 86 volumes). Rummel has drawn on these high quality translations to create the best anthology of Erasmus.


