

Medieval literature is indubitably intriguing with its masculine heroes and infamous knights, but I often wonder where the women are. My curiosity came to a close when I came across www.uh.edu/medievalwomen/wmalit.htm , where “Women in the Middle Ages – ‘Women in Medieval Literature’” presents links to sites that pertain to females. I am going to present information on the content, authority, and quality of this page that signifies that it is a good source for attaining research.

The site’s content is composed of links to other sites that concern the Middle Ages. Most of these links have a brief description of what one can find on these sites. More specifically, near the bottom of the page are links to sites that deal explicitly with women in medieval times as well as women authors from the period.

Sherron Lux, the author of “Women in the Middle Ages – ‘Women in Medieval Literature,’” is a Medievalist and Librarian and who established the site “to complement the medieval and medieval women episodes of Dr. John Lienhard’s *The Engines of Our Ingenuity* from the University of Houston’s KUHF Public Radio station” (www.uh.edu/medievalwomen/wmalit.htm, Lux). She doesn’t seem to be a professional on the topic of women in medieval literature but rather an enthusiast providing links to aid people in research on the topic. As far as the site’s credibility, it is affiliated with the University of Houston and many of the links to pages on the site are maintained by people from universities such as the University of Rochester, Rutgers, and the University of Central Arkansas. Sherron Lux provides her bibliography and email address on the page, which helps validate the site’s authority, but she hasn’t kept “Women in the Middle Ages – ‘Women in Medieval Literature’” updated (last updated August 2003).

The quality of “Women in the Middle Ages – ‘Women in Medieval Literature’” is exceptional. The graphics are simple, yet they give the page a little character. The links are all accessible except for a couple that I was unauthorized to access, and most of the links on the page are linked to reputable sites.

“Women in the Middle Ages – ‘Women in Medieval Literature’” is a reliable site on information pertaining to the Middle Ages and most importantly the women living during those times. I feel safe to conclude that the material found on this page is respectable and can be valued as valid information when researching the Middle Ages.