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The Popes Penguin
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biography of one of the
most fascinating women
of the 19th century. Colet
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expectations of a
misogynistic society to

become an award-winning
writer and the intimate of
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The Superrationals
Springer

In the 10th century, being
head of the Catholic
Church didn't stop Pope
John XII from allegedly
committing incest with his
sisters, calling on pagan
gods and goddesses,
being an alcoholic and

putting his mistress in
charge of his brothel. Of
course, being pope didn't
make popes popular
either: in 896AD, Pope
Formosus died, but that
was no obstacle to
Lambert of Spoleto, who
bore something of a
grudge, in exhuming the
pontiff and putting him on
trial. Formosus was found
guilty of being unworthy
of his papal office, had all
his acts annulled and his
body was thrown in the

Tiber. From corruption to nepotism, from crusade to witch-burning to Inquisition, from popes sanctioning murder to popes being murdered, *Dark History of The Popes* explores more than 1000 years of sinister deeds surrounding the papacy. Ranging from the 9th century AD to Pope Pius XII's position during World War II, the book examines political, religious and social history through the skulduggery of popes and courtiers, the role the Borgias family played in the papacy, the

persecution of Jews and the religious controversy over Galileo Galilei's heretical views, among other topics. Using diaries, letters, reports from foreign ambassadors to the Vatican and official registers of the ecclesiastical courts, a picture of both sinning and sinned against popes is revealed. Packed with more than 200 colour and black-&-white photographs, paintings and artworks, *Dark History of The Popes* is an eye-opening account of the history of the papacy

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Thomas Pynchon in

Context guides students, scholars and other readers through the global scope and prolific imagination of Pynchon's challenging, canonical work, providing the most up-to-date and authoritative scholarly

analyses of his writing. This book is divided into three parts. The first, 'Times and Places', sets out the history and geographical contexts both for the setting of Pynchon's novels and his own life. The second, 'Culture, Politics and Society', examines twenty important and recurring themes which most clearly define Pynchon's writing - ranging from ideas in philosophy and the sciences to humor and pop culture. The final part, 'Approaches and Readings', outlines and

assesses ways to read and understand Pynchon. Consisting of Forty-four essays written by some of the world's leading scholars, this volume outlines the most important contexts for understanding Pynchon's writing and helps readers interpret and reference his literary work.

Petrus Romanus

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A unique poetry book about history, present day life, and what the future may hold for us.

Not One Day ForeEdge

A work that bridges media archaeology and visual culture studies argues that the Internet has emerged as a mass medium by linking control with freedom and democracy. How has the Internet, a medium that thrives on control, been accepted as a medium of freedom? Why is freedom increasingly indistinguishable from paranoid control? In *Control and Freedom*, Wendy Hui Kyong Chun explores the current political and technological coupling of freedom with

control by tracing the emergence of the Internet as a mass medium. The parallel (and paranoid) myths of the Internet as total freedom/total control, she says, stem from our reduction of political problems into technological ones. Drawing on the theories of Gilles Deleuze and Michel Foucault and analyzing such phenomena as Webcams and face-recognition technology, Chun argues that the relationship between control and freedom in networked contact is

experienced and negotiated through sexuality and race. She traces the desire for cyberspace to cyberpunk fiction and maps the transformation of public/private into open/closed. Analyzing "pornocracy," she contends that it was through cyberporn and the government's attempts to regulate it that the Internet became a marketplace of ideas and commodities. Chun describes the way Internet promoters conflated technological

empowerment with racial empowerment and, through close examinations of William Gibson's *Neuromancer* and Mamoru Oshii's *Ghost in the Shell*, she analyzes the management of interactivity in narratives of cyberspace. The Internet's potential for democracy stems not from illusory promises of individual empowerment, Chun argues, but rather from the ways in which it exposes us to others (and to other machines) in ways we cannot control. Using fiber optic

networks—light coursing through glass tubes—as metaphor and reality, Control and Freedom engages the rich philosophical tradition of light as a figure for knowledge, clarification, surveillance, and discipline, in order to argue that fiber-optic networks physically instantiate, and thus shatter, enlightenment. *The Word Museum* Paj Publication
The stories of seven popes who ruled at seven different critical periods in the 600 years leading into

the Reformation.
Hipparchia's Choice
Simon and Schuster
Preface. IPIS DEI, The Cockroach of God IPIS: a Filipino word meaning Cockroach. Cockroaches are insects of the order Blattodea, which also includes termites. About 30 cockroach species out of 4,600 are associated with human habitats. About four species are well known as pests, the common household cockroaches being the German cockroach, the American cockroach, the Australian cockroach and

the Oriental cockroach. The cockroaches are an ancient group, dating back at least as far as the Carboniferous period, some 320 million years ago, long before man ever existed. They are common and hardy insects, and can tolerate a wide range of environments from Arctic cold to tropical heat. IPIS DEI, the Cockroach of God, refers of course to the Opus Dei, which represents all that is evil since long before 320 million years ago, all that is bad about religion, since the Lucifer

challenged St. Michael and God Almighty; all that is bad about the Holy Catholic Church: the Holy Inquisition; the Crusades, and the worst of the Popes, sons of Satan who all shared Opus Dei's greed and hunger for power, vanity and inordinate pride, sadism and capacity for lies and deception: Pope Alexander VI, Spanish-born of the infamous Borgia family, known for his libertine behavior, nepotism and debaucheries, widely believed to have engaged

in incest with his daughter, Lucrezia, and whose body rapidly decomposed and bloated, leading to suspicions of poisoning; Pope Stephen VI who had the body of his predecessor, Pope Formosus, dug up and put on trial for blasphemy, stripped of its sacred vestments, three fingers on its right hand hacked off and what was left of the corpse was dragged through the streets of Rome and dumped into the Tiber river (this crazy pope didn't last long; he was strangled to death by

his own enemies the following year); Pope Benedict IX who sold the Papacy twice, and whom St. Peter Damian described as "feasting on immorality" and "a demon from hell in the disguise of a priest" in the Liber Gomorrhianus, a treatise on papal corruption and sex that accused Benedict IX of routine homosexuality and bestiality; Pope Sergius III, who ordered the murder of another pope, who started "pornocracy," or the rule of harlots, with Theodora, "a shameless

whore (who) exercised power like a man" together with her daughter Marozia, Pope Sergius III's mistress, mother of an illegitimate son who became Pope John XI; Pope John XII who ordained a deacon in a stable, consecrated a 10-year-old boy as bishop, converted the Lateran Palace into a brothel, raped female pilgrims in St. Peter's, stole church offerings, drank toasts to the devil, and invoked the aid of Jove, Venus, and other pagan gods when playing dice, and was

apparently beaten by the husband of a woman with whom he committed adultery, dying three days later without receiving confession or the sacraments; Pope Leo X who was known primarily for the sale of indulgences to reconstruct St. Peter's Basilica, whose extravagance and challenging of Martin Luther's 95 theses, led to the Protestant Reformation. Pope Urban VI who presided over a major schism in the Roman Catholic Church in 1378, which resulted in

the emergence of parallel feuding papacies that lasted nearly four decades, who was prone to violent outbursts, had six cardinals arrested for conspiring to depose him, tortured and ultimately executed them, complaining their screams were not loud enough to satisfy him; Pope Boniface VIII, a power-hungry pontiff who waged wars, sacked cities, collected riches, and eventually lost his own game of thrones, defeated by an army of his enemies. Pope Innocent IV who reigned

at the time of the Holy Inquisition, who approved the use of torture to extract confessions of heresy, aggressively applied the principle that "the end justifies the means," and who condemned Galileo for claiming that the earth revolved around the sun; (MORE INSIDE)

Depraved English St. Martin's Press

In this rich history of Italy's Tiber River, Bruce Ware Allen charts the main currents, mythic headwaters, and hidden tributaries of one of the

world's most renowned waterways. He considers life along the river, from its twin springs high in the Apennines all the way to its mouth at Ostia, and describes the people who lived along its banks and how they made the Tiber work for them. The Tiber has served as the realm of protomythic creatures and gods, a battleground for armies and navies, a livelihood for boatmen and fishermen, the subject matter of poets and painters, and the final resting place for criminals and martyrs. Tiber:

Eternal River of Rome is a highly readable history and a go-to resource for information about Italy's most storied river.

Tiber Pornocracy

Famous and seductive, female stage performers haunted French public life in the century before and after the Revolution. This pathbreaking study delineates the distinctive place of actresses, dancers, and singers within the French erotic and political imaginations. From the moment they became an unofficial caste of mistresses to

France's elite during the reign of Louis XIV, their image fluctuated between emasculating men and delighting them. Drawing upon newspaper accounts, society columns, theater criticism, government reports, autobiographies, public rituals, and a huge corpus of fiction, Lenard Berlanstein argues that the public image of actresses was shaped by the political climate and ruling ideology; thus they were deified in one era and damned in the next. Tolerated when civil

society functioned and demonized when it faltered, they finally passed from notoriety to celebrity with the stabilization of parliamentary life after 1880. Only then could female fans admire them openly, and could the state officially recognize their contributions to national life. Daughters of Eve is a provocative look at how a culture creates social perceptions and reshuffles collective identities in response to political change. Table of Contents:

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Students of French literature and culture will welcome this study of female performers, women who historically achieved great prominence because of their sexuality and public presence. Yet this is much more than simply a descriptive history. Berlanstein...puts theater women into the context of the evolving French debate over the role of women in the public sphere...This fascinating new work is an important addition to the scholarship on French gender history.

Recommended for specialists in French history and culture. -- Library Journal
The Candour A.B.C. of Politics Cambridge University Press
 For more than 800 years scholars have pointed to the dark augury having to do with "the last Pope." The prophecy, taken from St. Malachy's "Prophecy of the Popes," is among a list of verses predicting each of the Roman Catholic popes from Pope Celestine II to the final pope, "Peter the Roman," whose reign would end in

the destruction of Rome. First published in 1595, the prophecies were attributed to St. Malachy by a Benedictine historian named Arnold de Wyon, who recorded them in his book, *Lignum Vitæ*. Tradition holds that Malachy had been called to Rome by Pope Innocent II, and while there, he experienced the vision of the future popes, including the last one, which he wrote down in a series of cryptic phrases. According to the prophecy, the next pope (following Benedict XVI) is

to be the final pontiff, Petrus Romanus or Peter the Roman. The idea by some Catholics that the next pope on St. Malachy's list heralds the beginning of "great apostasy" followed by "great tribulation" sets the stage for the imminent unfolding of apocalyptic events, something many non-Catholics would agree with. This would give rise to a false prophet, who according to the book of Revelation leads the world's religious communities into

embracing a political leader known as Antichrist. In recent history, several Catholic priests—some deceased now—have been surprisingly outspoken on what they have seen as this inevitable danger rising from within the ranks of Catholicism as a result of secret satanic "Illuminati-Masonic" influences. These priests claim secret knowledge of an multinational power elite and occult hierarchy operating behind supranatural and global political machinations.

Among this secret society are sinister false Catholic infiltrators who understand that, as the Roman Catholic Church represents one-sixth of the world's population and over half of all Christians, it is indispensable for controlling future global elements in matters of church and state and the fulfillment of a diabolical plan they call "Alta Vendetta," which is set to assume control of the papacy and to help the False Prophet deceive the world's faithful (including Catholics) into

worshipping Antichrist. As stated by Dr. Michael Lake on the front cover, Catholic and evangelical scholars have dreaded this moment for centuries. Unfortunately, as readers will learn, time for avoiding Peter the Roman just ran out.

The Russian Cosmists

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He's a tenured creative writing professor. A well-respected novelist. And a recovering sadistic pervert with a penchant for young girls. His name is Julian Darius, which by great coincidence just

happens to be the name of this novel's author. She's a teenage groupie who insists he buy her a collar before they have sex. She seems to know his desires better than he does. And she wants to fulfill them - even ones he claims not to have. The result is a strange love story that explores how far we'd really go, given the opportunity... and whether men and women could truly live together, if they were completely honest about their desires. This erotic and violent novel, criticized as

pornographic, is nonetheless supremely literary and won its author a Ph.D. in English. **WARNING: SEXUAL CONTENT, VIOLENCE, TRANSGRESSIVE THEMES, INTELLIGENCE.** From Martian Lit. More info at <http://martianlit.com> *Nira/Sussa* Prion Books This Encyclopedia gathers together the most recent scholarship on Medieval Italy, while offering a sweeping view of all aspects of life in Italy during the Middle Ages. This two volume, illustrated, A-Z reference

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[Ipsis Dei](#) MIT Press

The Book of Firsts is an entertaining, enlightening, and highly browsable tour of the major innovations of the past twenty

centuries and how they shaped our world. Peter D'Epiro makes this handy overview of human history both fun and thought-provoking with his survey of the major "firsts"—inventions, discoveries, political and military upheavals, artistic and scientific breakthroughs, religious controversies, and catastrophic events—of the last two thousand years. Who was the first to use gunpowder? Invent paper? Sack the city of Rome? Write a sonnet? What was the first

university? The first astronomical telescope? The first great novel? The first Impressionist painting? The Book of Firsts explores these questions and many more, from the earliest surviving cookbook (featuring parboiled flamingo) and the origin of chess (sixth-century India) to the first civil service exam (China in 606 AD) and the first tell-all memoir about scandalous royals (Byzantine Emperor Justinian and Empress Theodora). In the form of

150 brief, witty, erudite, and information-packed essays, *The Book of Firsts* is ideal for anyone interested in an enjoyable way to acquire a deeper understanding of history and the fascinating personalities who forged it.

Joannes Cnoxus, 1505-1572 Amber Books Ltd
The Complete Idiot's Guide® to the Popes and the Papacy offers a comprehensive look at the history, trials, and triumphs of the Bishops of Rome. This book offers an

easy-to-understand historical survey of the papacy, which is among the oldest institutions on earth, and may well be the oldest continuous position of leadership in existence. It's all here: remarkable stories of popes who held immense power within the Church and popes who served as figureheads; popes who ruled as supreme authorities in their own right and popes who offered an inspired model of resistance to secular tyrannies; popes who lost sight of the dictates of

their own faith and popes who set sublime moral and devotional examples to the world. The book offers history, trivia, and trends new and old -- as well as a look at the future of the office. This is an entertaining and enlightening look at one of the world's most remarkable jobs, one that has guided Catholicism for two millennia and wields an influence today.
[Pornocracy Lulu.com](http://PornocracyLulu.com)
 The Candour A.B.C. of Politics was originally serialised in Candour between August 1989 and

August 1995. It was intended to publish in book form the text that Rosine de Bouneville referred to as her "only literary baby" long ago, but it was not to be in her lifetime. The text is an idiosyncratic and wonderful testament of her values. One hundred years after her birth it is fitting that that such an influential and elemental force be remembered and recognised.

Pornocracy Routledge
"To be a philosopher and to be a feminist are one and the same thing. A

feminist is a woman who does not allow anyone to think in her place."-from Hipparchia's Choice A work of rare insight and irreverence, Hipparchia's Choice boldly recasts the history of philosophy from the pre-Socratics to the post-Derrideans as one of masculine texts and male problems. The position of women, therefore, is less the result of a hypothetical "femininity" and more the fault of exclusion by men. Nevertheless, women have been and continue to be drawn to "the

exercise of thought." So how does a female philosopher become a conceptually adventurous woman? Focusing on the work of Sartre and Beauvoir (specifically, his sexism and her relation to it), Michèle Le Doeuff shows how women philosophers can reclaim a place for feminist concerns. Is *The Second Sex* a work of philosophy, and, if so, what can it teach us about the relation of philosophy to experience? Now with a new epilogue, Hipparchia's Choice points

the way toward a discipline that is accountable to history, feminism, and society.

Control and Freedom
Image

In this book about the secret pornographic theaters of pre-Revolutionary Paris, Karl Toepfer illuminates a much neglected topic with an imaginative study of speech, the body, and ecstasy in varying performance modes.

Sex Lives of the Popes

Columbia University Press
The riveting story of Pope St. Celestine V, the pope

who retired from the papacy. At the close of the tumultuous Middle Ages, there lived a man who seemed destined from birth to save the world. His name was Peter Morrone, a hermit, a founder of a religious order, and, depending on whom you talk to, a reformer, an instigator, a prophet, a coward, a saint, and possibly the victim of murder. A stroke of fate would, practically overnight, transform this humble servant of God into the most powerful man in the Catholic

Church. Half a year later, he would be the only pope in history to abdicate the chair of St. Peter, an act that nearly brought the papacy to its knees. What led him to make that decision and what happened afterward would be shrouded in mystery for centuries. The *Pope Who Quit* pulls back the veil of secrecy on this dramatic time in history and showcases a story that involves deadly dealings, apocalyptic maneuverings, and papal intrigue.

Tiber Anchor

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St. Peter to the present

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