

Le plaisir au Moyen Age

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Everything you ever wanted to know about pleasure in medieval times: sexuality, wine, food, celebrations, social interactions...

In medieval times, sexual pleasure was a matter of some confusion and cunning, due to control from a Church quick to suppress practices deemed satanic. Good food was widely and well-loved, in forms we'd find surprising today for their nature and quantity.

To the songs and dances of festivals for the common folk were added ever more refined courtly arts as well as often quite violent physical feats, such as jousts and tournaments. Rich with examples from every social stratum, Jean Verdon's work portrays pleasure in the Middle Ages in a unique and, all in all, joyous fashion.

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