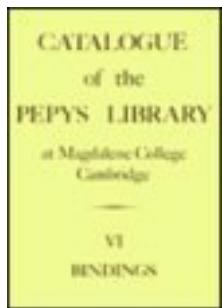


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No fewer than twenty-three of Pepys's thirty-eight medieval manuscripts contain Middle English texts, and date from the 14th and 15th centuries. Devotional tracts and religious poetry predominate, though there is also a corpus of secular poetry by Lydgate and Chaucer, and some scientific and medical material; a notable rarity is the Caxton Ovid. His Latin books include Bacon's *Perspectiva* and other treatises on optics, and the mathematical treatises of Johannes de Nemore. Some books he chose purely for their illustrations, such as a French and Latin *Apocalypse* and a model book of the 15th century. The oldest book in the collection is a late 12th-century copy of Isidore of Seville's *Etymologiae*. The catalogue effectively revises, expands, and replaces the 1922 catalogue of M. R. James. ROSAMOND McKITTERICK is Reader in early medieval European history in the University of Cambridge; RICHARD BEADLE is lecturer in English at the University of Cambridge.

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