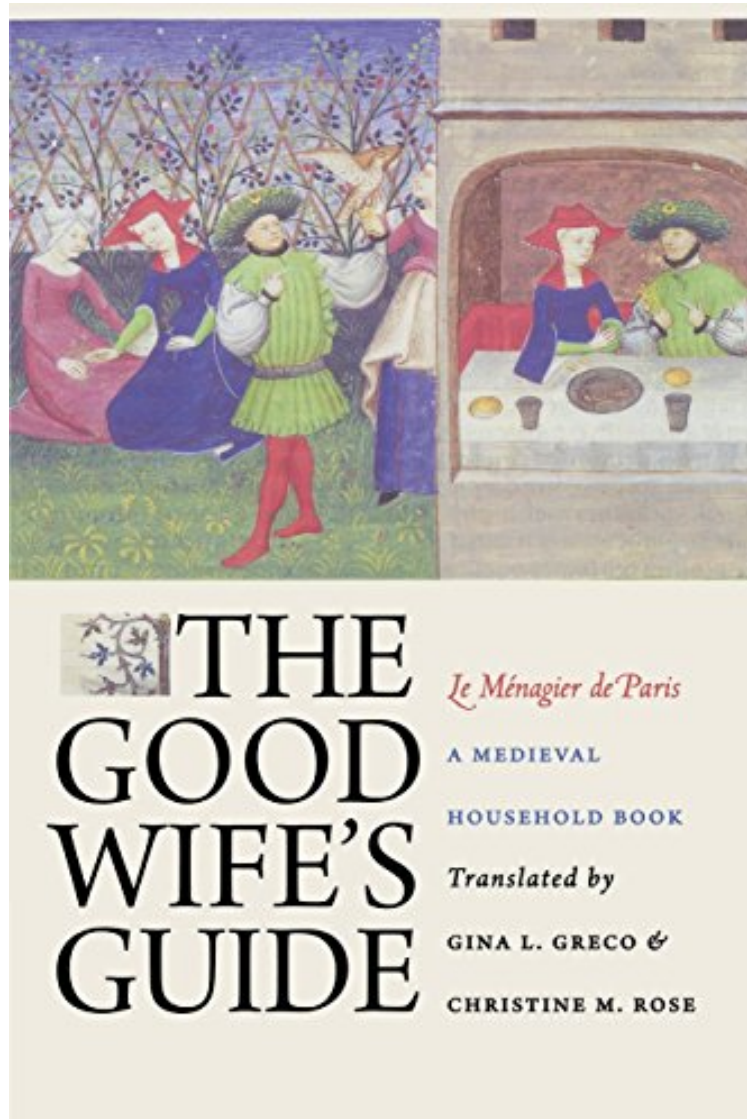


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to be a good one!"*Regarding domestic animals, witness that a greyhound, mastiff, or small dog, whether it is walking on the road, at table, or in bed, always stays closest to the person from whom he takes his food and neglects and is distant and timid with all others. If the dog is far off, he always has his heart and eye on his master. Even if his master beats him or casts stones at him, the dog follows him, wagging his tail and fawning before his master to appease him."*Raise a whole bunch of hawks*Only read correspondence that is from my husband; if I get correspondence from anyone else, pretend I only know how to read his handwriting*"Steer clear of swaggering, idle young men who live beyond their means, and who, possessing no land or lineage, become dancers." That is actually some solid advice.*"this word 'obedience' can be understood and explained as: in any situation, under any terms, in any place or season, you must perform without objecting all his orders whatever they may be. For recognize that since he is a rational man and of natural good sense, he will not command anything without cause and will not let you do anything unreasonable."*"When the husbands perceive that the wives are becoming less solicitous and more domineering and that something awful could come of tolerating the situation, the wives are felled with one stroke, by their husbands' rightful will, just as was Lucifer, the leader of the angels of Paradise, whom our Lord so loved that He allowed and tolerated him to do as he pleased, whereby Lucifer grew haughty with pride and presumptuousness."*"If you cannot prevent him from abusing you in anger, take care not to complain to your friends or anyone else, since should he discover your conversations, he would be bound to regard you unfavorably because of the disclosure, and he would not forget about it. Rather, go into your chamber and weep gently and quietly in a low voice and complain to God. That is what wise ladies do."It is very much like a proto-"Fascinating Womanhood," and some college student would find the comparison a profitable subject for a paper.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. ... was abridged to remove everything religious and that was sad because it was such a huge part of the ...By jamiei received a version of this that was abridged to remove everything religious and that was sad because it was such a huge part of the life and custom in this era. When I purchased this book it wasn't as pretty as the abridged version but it is all here intact presented and I found it so much more useful in my living history research!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Translation into an IdealWife LifeBy MicheleFabulous! This is a translation from the original French manuscript of an older husband's treatise to his wife on how to manage her personal, public and spiritual life. The enchanting, disturbing and amusing aspects of this book is how little has changed in men's innermost, secret expectations of their wives and manifestations of their devotion to him. A clear window into the realities of the relationship between men and a "Good Wife" in the 16th century.

In the closing years of the fourteenth century, an anonymous French writer compiled a book addressed to a fifteen-year-old bride, narrated in the voice of her husband, a wealthy, aging Parisian. The book was designed to teach this young wife the moral attributes, duties, and conduct befitting a woman of her station in society, in the almost certain event of her widowhood and subsequent remarriage. The work also provides a rich assembly of practical materials for the wife's use and for her household, including treatises on gardening and shopping, tips on choosing servants, directions on the medical care of horses and the training of hawks, plus menus for elaborate feasts, and more than 380 recipes. The Good Wife's Guide is the first complete modern English translation of this important medieval text also known as *Le Ménagier de Paris* (the Parisian household book), a work long recognized for its unique insights into the domestic life of the bourgeoisie during the later Middle Ages. The Good Wife's Guide, expertly rendered into modern English by Gina L. Greco and Christine M. Rose, is accompanied by an informative critical introduction setting the work in its proper medieval context as a conduct manual. This edition presents the book in its entirety, as it must have existed for its earliest readers. The Guide is now a treasure for the classroom, appealing to anyone studying medieval literature or history or considering the complex lives of medieval women. It illuminates the milieu and composition process of medieval authors and will in turn fascinate cooking or horticulture enthusiasts. The work illustrates how a (perhaps fictional) Parisian householder of the late fourteenth century might well have trained his wife so that her behavior could reflect honorably on him and enhance his reputation.