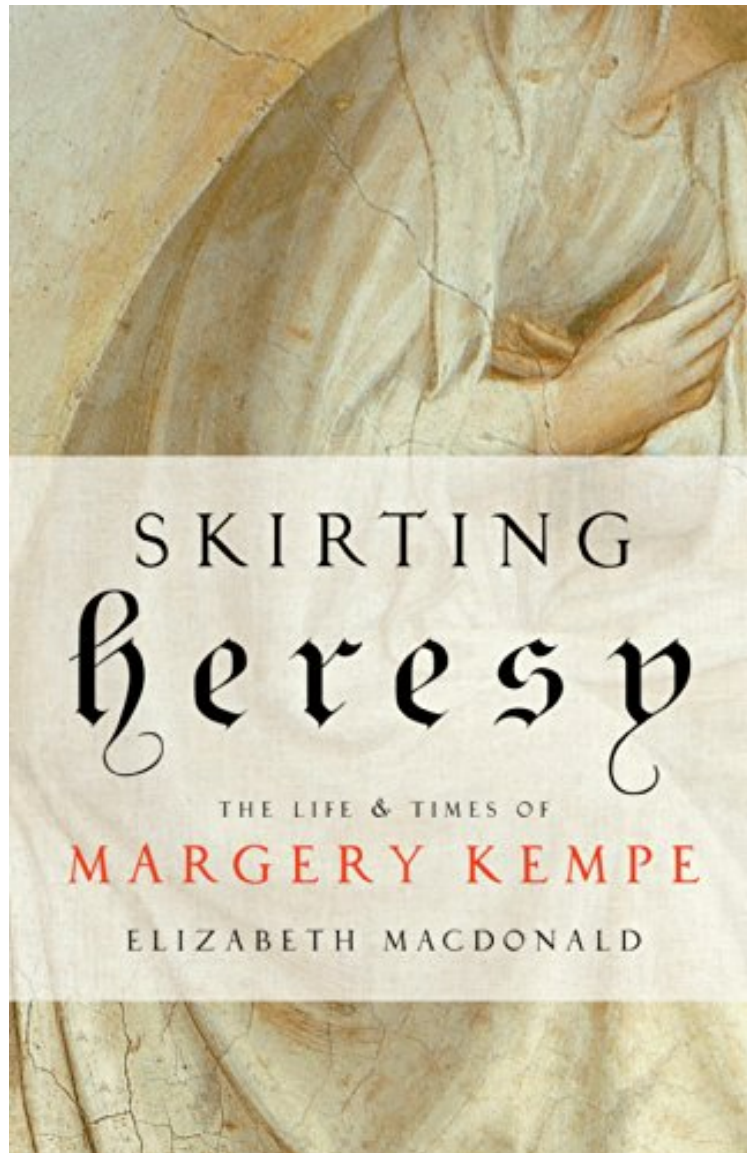


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whether you're interested in the Middle Ages or the life of this religious woman Von Helpful Advice 'Skirting Heresy' written by Elizabeth MacDonald is a book that speaks about the life of Margery Kempe, a woman who became known as mystic from 15th century and also author of the first autobiography ever written in English 'The Book of Margery Kempe' which she dictated to a priest. When recently her book was digitized by the British Library, the story of woman who had 14 children and embarked on pilgrimages to Holy Land, Jerusalem and Bethlehem, Santiago de Compostela and Rome, which was previously known only to a small number of people with regard to only one copy, became available to a wide range of people. Kempe was many times arrested for heresy because of the accusations of the Catholic Church, she was almost burnt alive as many women these days, therefore her book remains as a record of the difficult times for women who lived during the medieval times of 14th and 15th centuries. In her book reader can learn about the events that marked years in which Kempe lived, such as the Great Schism, plague and Hundred Years' War, and though her historical role is yet to be explored, the life of this extraordinary woman in turbulent times is certainly worth the reader's time. Elizabeth MacDonald's story about Margery Kempe although based on real events, due to the excitement and mystique of events about which author is telling in her story, can be read as fiction; therefore this interesting book written in journalistic style is certainly worth reading, whether you're interested in the Middle Ages or the life of this almost unknown religious woman who was a participant in events that marked her world, but also led to the creation of our own.

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