Primary Sources (Texts)

These sources detail the female experience of the crusades. Most are written by women, but some are by men describing events surrounding a woman. In the latter case, we need to interrogate the author’s agenda even more carefully. What might be exaggerated? Left out?

Pilgrimage


Those Left Behind

- excerpt on leave-taking by Fulcher of Chartres, Chronicle of Fulcher of Chartres

First Crusade

Jewish sources

Christian sources
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- the letters of Adela of Blois: https://epistolae.ctl.columbia.edu/woman/21.html

### Life in the Crusader Levant (1099-1187)

#### Jewish sources

#### Christian sources
- a letter from Cecilia of France, Princess of Antioch and Countess of Tripoli: https://epistolae.ctl.columbia.edu/letter/25276.html
- the letters of Hodierna of Jerusalem, Countess of Tripoli: https://epistolae.ctl.columbia.edu/woman/25260.html
- a letter from Joveta of Jerusalem, Abbess of St. Lazarus of Bethany: https://epistolae.ctl.columbia.edu/letter/25243.html
- the letters of Melisende, Queen of Jerusalem: https://epistolae.ctl.columbia.edu/woman/30.html

#### Muslim sources

### Third Crusade

#### Christian sources
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- the letters of Isabella, Queen of Jerusalem:
  https://epistolae.ctl.columbia.edu/woman/25246.html

Fourth Crusade & Beyond

Christian sources

Muslim sources

Albigensians and Cathars


Al-Andalus

Jewish sources

Christian sources

**Muslim sources**


**Primary Sources (Objects)**

The Psalter of Queen Melisende of Jerusalem (c.1135), digitized at: http://www.bl.uk/manuscripts/FullDisplay.aspx?ref=Egerton_MS_1139

Sculpture of Hugh I of Vaudemont and Aigeline of Burgundy

**Secondary Sources**


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