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Martin Luther contributed extensively to the sixteenth-century “debate about women” with his writings on women and related subjects such as marriage, the family, and sexuality. In this volume, Susan Karant-Nunn and Merry Wiesner-Hanks bring together a vast selection of these works, translating many into English for the first time. They include sermons, lectures, pamphlets, polemic writings, letters, and some informal “table talk” recorded by his followers. The book is arranged into chapters on Biblical women, marriage, sexuality, child-birth, and witchcraft, as well as on Luther’s relations with his wife and other contemporary women. The editors, both internationally known scholars of the Reformation and women, provide a general introduction to each chapter, and Luther’s own colourful words fuel both sides of the debate about whether the Protestant Reformation was beneficial or detrimental to women. This collection will make a wide range of Luther’s works accessible to English-speaking scholars, students, and general readers.

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