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Meredith K. Ray. Daughters of Alchemy. Women and Scientific Culture in Early Modern Italy. Cambridge, MA & London: Harvard UP, 2015. Meredith K. Ray's Daughters of Alchemy is an engaging and original study of sixteenth--and seventeenth-century Italian women as practitioners, authors, readers, and patrons of early modern science. It is the first monograph to trace women's participation in scientific and natural inquiry in the various spaces they occupied: the private domestic sphere; apothecary shop; literary, humanist, and scientific circles; politics; and the public sphere. Through a series of six case studies Ray shows how women's participation in alchemy, medicine, and debates on natural philosophy influenced not only the development of scientific culture but also literary discourse concerning the intellectual capacity of women in the ongoing querelle des femmes (debate over women). The first part of the book concentrates on female practitioners of alchemy and medicine and the rising

popularity of female-authored libri di segreti (books of secrets), while the second part focuses on female literary engagements in natural philosophy and traditionally male-dominated genres and fields of inquiry. Chapter 1 begins with Caterina Sforza and her understudied Experimenti (Experiments)--a manuscript studied by Ray in a private library. A compilation of recipes ranging from medical treatments for common and rare ailments to poisons and their antidotes, cosmetics, elixirs, and counterfeit gold, the Experimenti was later handed down to generations of Sforza's Medici progeny. As Ray notes, Sforza is thus not only the progenitrix of the Medici dukes, but also their long engagement with medicine and alchemy. In this chapter Ray elucidates the intertwining of the personal and the political in Sforza's Experimenti, something we see not only in the presentation of the recipes--Latin signals authority while a code is used for more delicate ailments like impotency--but also in the social networks Sforza established...

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