Books relating to Girton College

Please note that this is not a comprehensive list. If there is a book that you think should be on this list please let us know.

1. Books on the history of the College
2. Biographies and autobiographies of Girtonians and others involved in the College
3. Select list of books on the history of women’s education and women in academia (incl. Girton)
4. Fiction featuring Girton or (fictional) Old Girtonians
5. Girtonian novelists and popular writers

1. Books on the history of the College


Also the three volumes of the Girton College Register:-
2. Biographies and autobiographies of Girtonians and others involved in the College
- beneath each publication is listed the name of the Girtonian and the year of matriculation or their connection with Girton.

- Olugbolahan Modupefolu Olubunmi (Mrs Abisogun-Alo), Girton 1958.

- Emily Davies, founder and Mistress 1872-75.

- Eileen Edna Le Poer Power (Mrs Postan), Girton 1907, Fellow 1915.

- Kathleen Jessie Raine (Mrs Madge), Girton 1926.

- Violet Esther Lepine Cooper (Mrs Brown), Girton 1906.

- Sara Annie Burstall, Girton 1878.

- Barbara Lee Smith Bodichon, benefactress.

- Emily Davies, founder and Mistress 1872-75.


- Lizzie Susan Stebbing, Girton 1904, Lecturer 1911, Research Fellow 1923.

- Mary Gavin Clarke, Girton 1900.

- Kathleen Montgomery Coates (Mrs Wallace) Girton 1909.
- Monica Mary Curtis, Girton 1911.
- Sigrid Letitia Sharpe Pearson, Girton 1911.
- Margaret Isabel Postgate (Mrs Cole), Girton 1911.
- Rosalind Grace Smith (Mrs Wrong), Girton 1911.

- Margaret Isabel Postgate (Mrs Cole), Girton 1911.

Crewsdon, W., *Gwendolen Crewsdon*. Privately printed, 1914.
- Gertrude Gwendolen Bevan Crewsdon, Girton 1894, Staff 1900.

- Gloria Claire Carpenter (Mrs Cumper), Girton 1945.
- Henry R Tomkinson, College Treasurer 1869-1875.

- Olive Jocelyn Dunlop (Mrs Kenward), Girton 1903.

- Constance Louisa Maynard, Girton 1872.

- Katherine Maud Elizabeth Murray, Staff 1938.

- Gwendolen Freeman, Girton 1926.

- Winifred Louise Mercier, Staff 1909.

- Muriel Clara Bradbrook, Girton 1927, Mistress 1968
- Ariadne Anna (Arianna) Stassinopoulos (Mrs Stassinopoulos Huffington), Girton 1969.


- Barbara Lee Smith Bodichon, benefactress.

- Winifred Ida Haward (Mrs Hodgkiss), Girton 1917.

- Bertha Swirles (Lady Jeffreys), Girton 1921, Fellow 1938.

- Emily Elizabeth Constance Jones, Girton 1875, Mistress 1903-16

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- Mary Cartwright, Mistress 1949-68

- Barbara Lee Smith Bodichon, benefactress.

- Jean Olivia Lindsay, née McLachlan, Girton 1929, Research Fellow 1937, Fellow 1946.
- Emma Ethel Brenda List (Mrs Todrick), Girton 1900.

- Anna Lloyd, Girton 1869.

Lowndes, Mrs Belloc, *'I too have lived in Arcadia': A record of love and of childhood*. London, Macmillan, 1941.
- Elizabeth Rayner Belloc, née Parkes, known as Bessie

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- Esther Jane Luker, Girton 1891.

- Louisa Innes Lumsden, Girton 1869.

- Aelfrida Catherine Wetenhall Tillyard (Mrs Graham).
- Elisabeth Mary Alethea Graham (known as Alethea), Girton 1926.
- Aelfrida Catharine Agatha Graham (known as Agatha), Girton 1929.

- Dorothy Marshall, Girton 1918

- Constance Louisa Maynard, Girton 1872.

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- Edith Emily Read (Mrs Mumford), Girton 1888.

- Emily Davies, founder and Mistress 1872-75.

- Dorothy Moyle (Mrs Needham), Girton 1915.
- Barbara Frances Wootton, Baronness Wootton of Abinger, Girton 1915, Honorary Fellow.

- Kathleen Jessie Raine, Girton 1926.

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- references to Imogen Rose’s mother, Rosalind Grace Smith (Mrs Wrong), Girton 1911.

Rubery, E and Watson, D (eds.), *Girtonians and the war years*. The Girton Project Journal, Volume 1, April 2009

- Dora Winifred Black, Girton 1912, Research Fellow 1918.

Salter, Emma (ed.), *May Margaret Stevenson O B E: May 9, 1875-February 5, 1922*. 
- May Margaret Stevenson, Girton 1894.

- Hilda Reynolds Gosling (Mrs Sebastian), Girton 1916.

- Sarojini Chattopâdhyây (Mrs Naidu), Girton 1896.

- Dorothy Wrinch (Mrs Glaser), Girton 1913, Research Fellow 1920, Fellow 1930.

- Sarah (Hertha) Marks (Mrs Ayrton), Girton 1876.

- Helen Maud Cam, Fellow 1927
- Eileen Edna Le Poer Power (Mrs Postan) Girton 1907, Research Fellow 1910.

- Helena Maria Sickert (Mrs Swanick), Girton 1882.

- Eugenie Strong (née Sellers), Girton 1879, Life Fellow.

- Marjorie Pipes (Mrs Thorne), Girton 1928.

- Emily Caroline Gibson (Mrs Townshend), Girton 1869.
- Margaret Isabel Postgate (Mrs Cole), Girton 1911.

- Elizabeth Marion Llewellyn Smith, Girton 1953.
- Pauline Perry, Baronne Perry of Southwark (née Welch ), Girton 1949.
- Dorothy Enid Wedderburn (née Barnard), Girton 1943.

- Barbara Frances Wootton , Baronne Wootton of Abinger (née Adam; also Mrs Wright), Girton 1915, Staff 1920.

No Author, *Sister Rhoda CSMV*. Wantage, the Convent of St Mary, 1922.
- Ethel Rhoda McNeile, Girton 1897.

3. Select list of books on the history of women’s education and women in academia (incl. Girton)


Chapter 12, ‘Women dons in Cambridge”.


Davies, Emily, *Some account of a proposed new college for women*. A paper read at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, London: J. Bale, 1868.


Grey, Arthur B., *Cambridge revisited*. Cambridge: W. Heffer and Sons Ltd, 192.1


4. Fiction featuring Girton or (fictional) Old Girtonians


Winspear, Jacqueline, Maisie Dobbs. John Murray, 2004. [The first in a series of crime novels featuring a fictional Old Girtonian as the heroine, although not set in Cambridge. There are now several books in the series]

5. Girtonian novelists and popular writers

Well-known Girtonian novelists and writers include:-

- Veronica Forrest-Thomson
- Gwendolen Freeman
- Sheila Pim
- Kathleen Raine

Several contemporary novelists are Girtonians or have links with the College, including:-

- Emma Donoghue [shortlisted in the 2010 Man Booker Prize]
- P.D. James
- Gwyneth Lewis [Wales's National Poet, 2005-2006]
- Joseph O’Neill
- Anna Maxted
- Wendy Holden
- Christina Koning
- David Miller