

Daniëlle Slootjes, *Christian Martyrdom in Historical Perspective: On the Origins of the Story of Saint Catherine of Alexandria*.

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Introduction. - Saint Catherine of Alexandria. - Christian ladies in Eusebius of Caesarea's *Historia Ecclesiastica*. - A Christian lady from Alexandria in the account of Rufinus of Aquileia. - The first appearances of Catherine in the early Middle Ages. - "Ultimately, there is no proof that Saint Catherine was a real person who had lived in fourth century Alexandria."

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