Victorian Radicals: From the Pre-Raphaelites to the Arts & Crafts Movement
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Literary References in Pre-Raphaelite Art

ABOUT THE RESOURCE LIST
This is a selection of literary works referenced in Victorian Radicals: From the Pre-Raphaelites to the Arts & Crafts Movement. Many of the works listed below have been retold, translated, and published in multiple different editions.

NEED HELP LOCATING RESOURCES?
The majority of these titles are not available for check out at the ERC; however, they may be available at your local library, bookstore, or online. Please contact the ERC at 206.654.3186 or erc@seattleartmuseum.org if you would like assistance finding copies of these materials.

PRE-RAPHAELITE AUTHORS
Amor Mundi by Rossetti, Christina. 1865.
https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46454/amor-mundi
Poem by English writer Christina Rossetti that is referenced in Edith Brearey Dawson’s artwork of the same name.

Includes Dante Gabriel Rossetti’s major works of poetry.

http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/17574
An early, Pre-Raphaelite poem by Woolner, one of the founder-members of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood.

GREEK & ROMAN MYTHOLOGY
Grades 3 and up. This illustrated encyclopedia of mythology is a who’s who of gods and goddesses, and warriors and kings whose stories have been passed down since the beginning of time.

Acclaimed collection of Greek, Roman, and Norse myths.

KING ARTHUR
Young Adult. Graphic novel adaptation of Arthurian legend.

Cycle of twelve narrative poems which retells the legend of King Arthur.

Grades 5-9. Retelling of Malory’s stories of King Arthur.

Grades 3-6. Retelling of the King Arthur legends, drawn from both literary and historical sources. Includes colorful illustrations.

SHAKESPEARE
Retellings of six of Shakespeare’s plays — a mix of comedy, tragedy, and romance — retold for young readers.

A comedy by Shakespeare. Referenced in the William Holman Hunt painting of the same name.
OTHER ENGLISH LITERATURE

Collection of 24 stories written in Middle English. This version features the original text side-by-side with an easy-to-understand translation on the right.

English epic poem.

Collection of works by English poet Chatterton. Referenced in the Henry Wallis painting Chatterton (The Death of Chatterton).

Grades 4-9. Saint George’s story is included in The Faerie Queene. Referenced in Dante Gabriel Rossetti’s Saint George Slaying the Dragon.

Traces nearly sixty years of poetry by Tennyson, Poet Laureate during much of Queen Victoria’s reign. His work became the subject of several Pre-Raphaelite paintings.

RELIGION

Study Bible which includes extensive notes by experts in their fields; in-text maps; supplementary essays on translation, biblical interpretation, cultural and historical background, and other general topics.

OTHER LITERARY REFERENCES

**The Decameron** by Boccaccio, Giovanni. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2013. [Original 1300s.]
Collection of novellas told during the time of the Black Death in Italy.

An Italian long narrative poem describing the author’s journey through Hell (Inferno), Purgatory (Purgatorio), and Paradise.

Original unabridged tale of the classic story Beauty and the Beast.

Stories collected over many centuries by various authors, translators, and scholars across West, Central, and South Asia and North Africa.