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## **Lexxie (un)Conventional Bookworms says**

Very easy to read, clear language, and of course - a great topic!

It has the Canterbury Tales, with an introduction to Chaucer, The Dream of the Rood, Bede, Gildas, Beowulf and others. I had a lot of fun (and a lot of work too!) reading this.

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## **Alisha says**

This was one of my textbooks for the Fall 2012 semester. In reading this book, I was learning about the history and the works of the pieces of literature during this time period. Some pieces that we read are:

- Beowulf
- The Canterbury Tales
- Alfred the Great
- Wulfstan
- Julian of Norwich
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
- and the Exeter Book Riddles

I have learned a lot during the reading of this book, and I hope to learn more in Volume 2. If you are wanted to learn about the literature of this time period, this is the book for you.

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## **Priya says**

Anthologies make me happy.

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## **Charles says**

There are some interesting and less interesting works in this anthology.

However, my favourite is the poem "Sumer is icumen in": the trick is that you have to read it out loud, as loud and fast as possible. Then it becomes a weirdly brilliant fusion of voice and word.

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## **Patrick says**

Textbook, Anthology.

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**Senor says**

I am this books bitch. It doesn't belong to me, but I belong to it.

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**Emily says**

I had to read this book as a part of my English uni topic 'Epochs of English'. I enjoyed learning about the history and how it linked to literature - in particular, I enjoyed the Medieval chapter.

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