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Bawdy Tales in the Middle Ages: The Medieval Fabliaux

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Until recently, most scholars refused to study the medieval fabliaux, assuming that the bawdy nature of the tales made them unfit for consideration. However, recent scholarship shows that the fabliaux are important keys to understanding the changing social structure in the Middle Ages. Even the titles of these stories, known for their brevity and humor, reveal their concern with upheaval of traditional social norms: "The Stupid Knight," "The Knight with the Long Ass," and "The Castrated Lady," for example. This presentation will introduce these tales and others and will demonstrate the function of bawdry in the genre.

