



The Disperata, from Medieval Italy to Renaissance France

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DESCRIPTION:

This study explores how the themes of the disperata genre - including hopelessness, death, suicide, doomed love, collective trauma, and damnations - are creatively adopted by several generations of poets in Italy and France, to establish a tradition that at times merges with, and at times subverts, Petrarchism.

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