

The idea of medieval scribes as mechanical, mindless or slavish copyists has come under increasing pressure over the years.

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priesthood.

While outliers such as MS Bodley 586 and MS Harley 7333 give us evidence of later
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indicate that scribes were perfectly willing to indulge even indulge
in³ Chaucer's U. The Copy of \ preserved in Oxford, New College MS
314 (1450-70) is one such manuscript. As Carissa Harris and other scholars have established, it
is one of a handful of manuscripts that not only preserve, but actually go on to expand on
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