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Aemilia Lanyer, The Ferrar/Collet women, Mary Wroth, the Cavendish sisters, Hester Pulter, Anne Hutchinson, Margaret Cavendish and Aphra

Behn, the latter two whose lives and writings point to the developing cultural transition to the Enlightenment.