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Sommario/riassunto	Min Wild explores the idiosyncratic world of satire in the eighteenth-century periodical, focusing on Christopher Smart's underexplored Midwife, or Old Woman's Magazine. In analysing Smart's adoption of a peculiarly female persona, 'Mary Midnight', Wild reveals a learned and ribald wit satirically engaging with questions of gender, politics, and culture. Wild also offers insight into the difficult position in which eighteenth-century writers found themselves as ideas on the nature of authorship were being transformed

