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works by Church Fathers such as Augustine, Athanasius and John Chrysostom, as well as contemporary figures engaged in the disputes of the Reformation and Catholic Counter-Reformation such as Luther, Calvin, Erasmus and Gabriel du Preau. Latin texts by the Italian heretic Giordano Bruno and the Florentine firebrand preacher Savonarola are also included. Works of science and alchemy include a colorfully illustrated La Toyson d'Or (Paris, 1613) by Salomon Trismosin. Along with various accounts of French regional customs and folklore, descriptions of further-afield discovery include a French edition of Francisco López de Gómara's account of the Spanish conquest of the New World. Adding further dimensions to this rich collection are works on mathematics, astronomy, politics, the arts of warfare, agriculture, falconry, tulip growing and a French translation of Ruy López de Segura's work on chess.









