

Abbreviations

BL	London, British Library
Bodl.	Oxford, Bodleian Library
CCCC	Cambridge, Corpus Christi College
CCCO	Oxford, Corpus Christi College
<i>ChR</i>	<i>The Chaucer Review</i>
CUL	Cambridge University Library
Cx1	[<i>Canterbury tales</i>] (Westminster: William Caxton, c. 1476; <i>STC</i> 5082)
Cx2	[<i>Canterbury tales</i>] (Westminster: William Caxton, c. 1483; <i>STC</i> 5083)
<i>DIMEV</i>	<i>Digital Index of Middle English Verse</i> , ed. Linne R. Mooney, Daniel W. Mosser, Elizabeth Solopova, Deborah Thorpe, David Hill Radcliffe, and Len Hatfield, based on the <i>Index of Middle English Verse</i> (1943) and its <i>Supplement</i> (1965), www.dimev.net
DUL	Durham University Library
EEBO	<i>Early English Books Online</i> , quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebogroup/
Glasgow	University of Glasgow Archives and Special Collections
HEHL	California, Henry E. Huntington Library
<i>HLQ</i>	<i>Huntington Library Quarterly</i>
<i>IMEV</i>	<i>Index of Middle English Verse</i> , ed. by Carleton Brown and Rossell Hope Robbins (New York: Printed for the Index Society by Columbia University Press, 1943), and its <i>Supplement</i> , ed. by Robbins and John L. Cutler (1965)
<i>JEB</i>	<i>The Journal of the Early Book Society for the Study of Manuscripts and Printing History</i>
<i>NIMEV</i>	<i>New Index of Middle English Verse</i> , ed. by Julia Boffey and A. S.G. Edwards (London: British Library, 2005)

ODNB	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> , www.oxforddnb.com
OED	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i> , www.oed.com
PMLA	<i>Publications of the Modern Language Association of America</i>
RES	<i>The Review of English Studies</i>
SAC	<i>Studies in the Age of Chaucer</i>
STC	A. W. Pollard and G. R. Redgrave, <i>A Short Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland and Ireland and of English Books Printed Abroad, 1475–1640</i> , 2nd ed., rev. & enl., begun by W. A. Jackson & F. S. Ferguson, compl. by Katharine F. Pantzer, 2 vols (London: Bibliographical Society, 1976)
TCC	Cambridge, Trinity College
TCD	Dublin, Trinity College
TCT	John Matthews Manly and Edith Rickert, <i>The Text of the Canterbury Tales: Studied on the Basis of All Known Manuscripts</i> , 8 vols. (University of Chicago Press, 1940) (References are to volume 1 unless otherwise indicated)
USTC	<i>Universal Short Title Catalogue</i> , https://ustc.ac.uk
Wing	Donald Wing, <i>A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales and British America and of English Books Printed in Other Countries 1641–1700</i> , 2nd ed., rev. and enl. (New York: Modern Language Association of America, 1982–8)

Transcriptions: When particular words are under discussion, any contractions and elisions have been supplied in italics, e.g. ‘*comparisoun*’. When orthography is incidental to the discussion, as in the case of the titles of pre-modern works, spelling and capitalisation have been regularised in line with general scholarly conventions and where it would aid reading.