

Hannah More: The Artist as Reformer

by Mary Anne Phemister

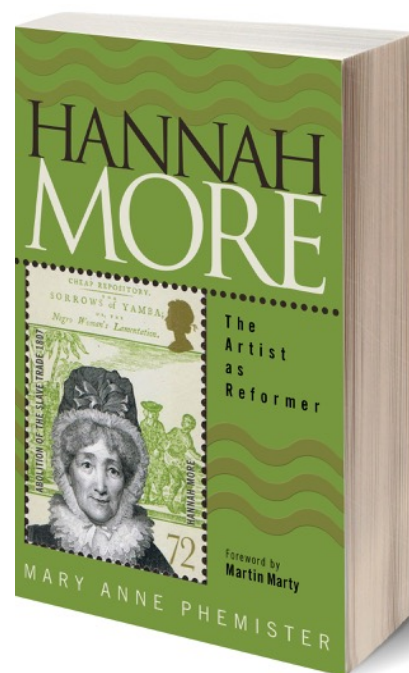
A pictorial biography of a social revolutionary

Hannah More (1745–1833), a woman of incredible moral courage, was probably the most influential female writer of her time. Yet most of us have never even heard of her.

Born in obscurity, Hannah died leaving nearly £30,000 to her charities—today's equivalent of nearly \$2,000,000—an unequaled amount for a woman writer two hundred years ago. Her artful writings changed hearts, prevented a revolution in England, and paved the way for other Christian women writers. The one novel she penned outsold Jane Austen's in her lifetime. She challenged the moral evils of slavery and played a major role in the abolition of the slave trade.

Yet, remarkably, for two centuries Hannah More was largely overlooked by historians, until in 2007 Great Britain recognized her significant humanitarian achievements as an abolitionist, educator, and philanthropist, issuing a postage stamp in her honor for the 200th anniversary of the milestone Abolition of the Slave Trade Act. The same year, her character appeared in the popular film about abolitionist William Wilberforce, *Amazing Grace*.

Now author Mary Anne Phemister revives the compelling story of this inspirational heroine. Her thoroughly researched and highly readable biography recounts the story of what this lively Christian playwright, poet, novelist, and tract writer accomplished despite the restrictions placed on women in her day.



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Born in China to missionary parents, Mary Anne Phemister earned her nursing degree from Columbia University, New York.

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Endorsements for Hannah More:

“This sprightly, accessible biography rescues Hannah More from undeserved neglect. In it, Mary Anne Phemister shows clearly why More’s remarkable life—as dramatist, educator, best-selling author, anti-slave campaigner, and deeply Christian witness—can inspire believers today almost as much as she did during her own lifetime.”

-Mark Noll, *The Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History, University of Notre Dame, author of The Rise of Evangelicalism: The Age of Edwards, Whitefield, and the Wesleys*

“This lively and engaging work shows Hannah More’s continuing relevance to the modern world.”

-Anne Stott, *author of Hannah More: The First Victorian*

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“With her book *Hannah More: The Artist as Reformer*, Mary Anne Phemister provides an engaging look at a neglected woman writer who certainly deserves more of our attention today. By combining discussions of Hannah More’s influence and stories of her life with visual images of the places lived and visited, Phemister gives her readers a glimpse into the world that Hannah More inhabited and tried to transform for the better.”

-Christine A. Colón, *associate professor of English, Wheaton College;*
author of Joanna Baillie and the Art of Moral Influence

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