



## Selections from the Vita Nuova (Paperback)

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Crescent Moon Publishing, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. 3rd ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.DANTE ALIGHIERI: THE VITA NUOVA Translated by Thomas Okey Edited and introduced by Joanna Finn-Kelcey Dante Alighieri s Vita Nuova is his Book of Memory , the poetic account of his love for Beatrice Portinari. It is one of the great poetry books of love in world literature. The Vita Nuova or New Life draws on (and is part of) the dolce stil novo, the sweet style of Italian poets such as Guido Cavalcanti, Guido Guinicelli, Cino da Pistoia and other stilnovisti. Dante was an admirer of love poetry (he praised Arnaut Daniel in the Divina Commedia). Among the influences on the Vita Nuova are, of course, the Bible (in particular the Psalms, the Song of Songs, Jeremiah s Lamentations and Christ s Passion). Other influences, apart from Classical thinkers, are Aelred of Rievaulx s De spirituali amicitia, and Peter of Blois s Deamicitia christiana. Classical and earlier writers whom Dante read included Cicero (De amicitia) and Boethius (De consolatione). The Vita Nouva, though, stands on its own in mediaeval literature. There is nothing else quite like it. Whereas Peter Abelard...



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