

Professor Rosborough • The Biography of Your Garden • Fromm • Spring 2021
rob@manjushrmediation.pro • 415.673.5081

Class 2: From the Mediterranean to the Middle Ages

- 1) Garden plants are useful plants
- 2) Plants and medicine: From papyri to Greek and Roman manuscripts
- 3) Plants on the move: Migration, empire, trade, accidents
- 4) The decline of botanical knowledge
 - a. Empiricism...or not
 - b. The rise of the illustration
 - c. Greek, Latin and Arabic
- 5) Spreading to Western Europe
 - a. Romans
 - b. Aelfric's list
 - c. (Re)introductions
- 6) Medieval gardens and herbals
- 7) Al-Andalus: Plants come and go

Suggested Reading:

- Maggie Campbell-Culver, *The Origin of Plants: The People and Plants that have Shaped Britain's Garden History since the Year 1000*, Headline (2001)