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Matheson offers here a biography of the Reformations first woman writer. Argula von Grumbach's first pamphlet in 1523 was reprinted all over Germany.