



A Miroir des dames in the Form of Sermons

The Franciscan Marco di Sommariva del Bosco' *Bonum Quaternarium* (15th Century)

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