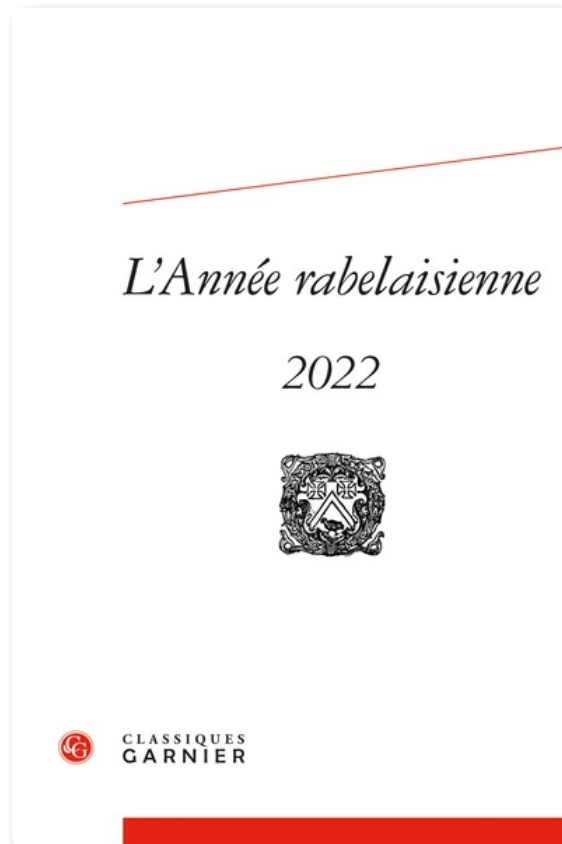




Who is “Megan the Astronomer”?

On a cryptic reference in the 1536 Rabelais almanac

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