

The women around Augustine with Kate Cooper (S3:E3)

**“This is an enslaved girl in Africa in the fourth century. Just talk about lost voices. And yet this child is literally creating the theological groundwork for the greatest of Latin theologians”**

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