

Literary Analysis

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

A writer’s account of his or her own life is called an **autobiography**. A typical autobiography is written in the first person, with a narrator who uses the pronoun “I.” *The Book of Margery Kempe* is unusual because it is written in the third person, and Kempe is referred to as “she.” All autobiographies, however, are sustained narratives that are written for an express purpose—to make sense of the author’s life.

Directions: In the charts, record details from the selection that will help you answer the following questions.

What kind of person does Kempe show herself to be?

Detail	
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Answer	

For what purpose does Kempe tell about her life this way?

Detail	
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Answer	

from THE BOOK OF MARGERY KEMPE