This collection brings together selections from Martin Luther's extensive writings on women, the vast majority of which are translated here into English for the first time. It includes chapters on Eve and the nature of women, the Virgin Mary, Biblical women, marriage, sexuality, childbirth, Luther's relations with his wife and other contemporary women, and witchcraft. Merry Wiesner-Hanks and Susan Karant-Nunn provide a general introduction to each chapter, and Luther's actual texts add fuel to the debate concerned with whether the Protestant Reformation was beneficial or detrimental to women.
A Sourcebook. edited and translated by Susan C. Karant-Nunn and Merry E. Wiesner-Hanks. 6 Luther on Women. such an atmosphere deserves our respect.”6 A prominent account from the still-separate realm of East German (Marxist) scholarship took very much the same approach, as did the charming diversion of a Catholic scholar.7 A two-volume set of essays, edited within the ranks of East German Christian historians and purporting to include every salient facet of Luther’s career, gives.