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Friendship between Men and Women in Ancient

Seneca, in his *Consolatio ad Marciam*, cites examples of male courage that Marcia should (and presumably therefore could) imitate, thus treating a female friend in a masculine manner, as in the modern use of the term "guy" for male or female.

Between 50 BC and 150 AD it seems to become more acceptable to speak about male-female friendships.