Labour’s First Century

The Labour Party’s centenary is an appropriate moment to evaluate its performance across the twentieth century and to reflect on why a party which has so many achievements to its credit has none the less spent so much of the century in opposition. This is the only book that attempts such an assessment. Duncan Tanner, Pat Thane and Nick Tiratsoo have assembled a team of acknowledged experts who cover a wide range of key issues, from economic policy to gender. The editors also provide a lucid, accessible introduction. Labour’s First Century covers the most important areas of party policy and practice, always placing these in a broader context. Taken together, the essays provide a fundamental challenge to those who minimise the party’s contribution, whilst also explaining why mistakes and weaknesses have occurred. Everyone interested in British political history – whether supporters or opponents of the Labour Party – will want to read Labour’s First Century.

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Frontispiece  Labour election poster from the late 1920s
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