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This volume traces the complex contribution which protestantism made to national identity in the British Isles between the Stuart and Victorian ages. It therefore examines an essential – if ambiguous – foundation of British patriotism in the period when the United Kingdom was formed and emerged as a world power.

Often challenging existing work, the essays both question whether nationalism was a secular and ‘modern’ phenomenon, and ask whether protestantism could support any simple vision of a united, imperial and ‘elect’ Britain. Covering a wide variety of subjects, the authors show that whilst the reformed faith was always central to British self-awareness, it could also divide the peoples of Britain and Ireland, could cast doubt on their greatness, and could dissolve any insistence on the uniqueness of these nations. The collection thus takes the study of religion’s contribution to nationality beyond simple acknowledgement of its importance, and suggests radical new ways to understand British and Irish development during the ‘long eighteenth century’.

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Abbreviations

<i>AHR</i>	<i>American Historical Review</i>
BL	British Library
BM	British Museum
Bod.	Bodleian Library, Oxford
<i>CSPD</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers Domestic</i>
CUL	Cambridge University Library
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
EUL	Edinburgh University Library
<i>HJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
<i>IHS</i>	<i>Irish Historical Studies</i>
<i>JBS</i>	<i>Journal of British Studies</i>
<i>JEH</i>	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
<i>JMH</i>	<i>Journal of Modern History</i>
NLS	National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh
NLW	National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
PD	Prints and Drawings
PRO	Public Record Office
RO	Record Office
<i>SCH</i>	<i>Studies in Church History</i>
<i>SHR</i>	<i>Scottish Historical Review</i>
SRO	Scottish Record Office, Edinburgh
SP	State Papers
SPCK	Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge
<i>THSC</i>	<i>Transactions of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorian</i>
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
<i>WHR</i>	<i>Welsh History Review</i>

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