English Romanticism and the Celtic World explores the way in which British Romantic writers responded to the national and cultural identities of the ‘four nations’ England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The essays collected here, by specialists in the field, interrogate the cultural centres as well as the peripheries of Romanticism, and the interactions between these. They underline ‘Celticism’ as an emergent strand of cultural ethnicity during the eighteenth century, examining the constructions of Celtiness and Britishness in the Romantic period, including the ways in which the ‘Celtic’ countries viewed themselves in the light of Romanticism. Other topics include the development of Welsh antiquarianism, the Ossian controversy, Irish nationalism, Celtic landscapes, Romantic form and Orientalism. The collection covers writing by Blake, Wordsworth, Scott, Byron and Shelley, and will be of interest to scholars of Romanticism and Celtic Studies.

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