

## Forging the Kingdom

Between the imperial coronation of Edgar in 973 and the death of Henry II in 1189, English society was transformed. This lively and wide-ranging study explores social and political change in England across this period and examines the reasons for such developments, as well as the many continuities. By putting the events of 1066 firmly in the middle of her account, Judith A. Green casts new light on the significance of the Norman Conquest. She analyses the changing ways kings, lords, and churchmen exercised power, especially through the building of massive stone cathedrals and numerous castles, and highlights the importance of London as the capital city. This book also explores themes such as changes in warfare, the decline of slavery, and the integration of the north and south-west, as well as concepts such as state, nationalism, and patriarchy.

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## Abbreviations

- ASC Anglo-Saxon Chronicle  
 MS C: *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle: A Collaborative Edition. Volume 5*, ed. K. O'B. Keeffe (Cambridge: D. S. Brewer, 2001)  
 MS D: *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle: A Collaborative Edition. Volume 6*, ed. G. P. Cubbin (Cambridge: D. S. Brewer, 1996)  
 MS E: *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle: A Collaborative Edition. Volume 7*, ed. S. Irvine (Cambridge: D. S. Brewer, 2004)  
 MS F: *The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle: A Collaborative Edition. Volume 8*, ed. P. S. Baker (Cambridge: D. S. Brewer, 2000)
- Bates, *Acta of William I* *Regesta Regum Anglo-Normannorum. The Acta of William I (1066–1087)*, ed. D. Bates (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998)
- DB *Domesday Book, seu liber censualis Willelmi primi Regis Angliae inter archivos regni in domo capitulari Westmonasterii asservatus. Jubente Regi Augustissimo Georgio Tertio praelo mandatus typis*, ed. A. Farley 4 vols. (London, 1783–1816)

- Diceto *Radulfi de Diceto decani Londoniensis opera historica*, ed. W. Stubbs, 2 vols., RS (London: Longman, 1876)
- English Historical Documents* *English Historical Documents I c. 500–1042*, ed. D. Whitelock, 2nd edn (London, New York: Routledge, 1996); II, 1042–1189, ed. D. C. Douglas, 2nd edn (London: Eyre Methuen, 1981)
- Geoffrey of Monmouth, *HKB* Geoffrey of Monmouth, *The History of the Kings of Britain*, ed. M. D. Reeve, trans. N. Wright (Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 2007)
- Glanvill *The Treatise on the Laws and Customs of the Realm of England Commonly Called Glanvill*, ed. G. D. G. Hall (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1993)
- HH Henry of Huntingdon, *Historia Anglorum*, ed. and trans. D. Greenway (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996)
- Howden *Chronica Rogeri de Houedene*, ed. W. Stubbs, 4 vols., RS (London: Longmans, Green, Reader and Dyer, 1868–71)
- JW *The Chronicle of John of Worcester*, II, ed. R. R. Darlington and P. McGurk, trans. J. Bray and P. McGurk (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1995); III, ed. and trans. P. McGurk (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998)
- Migne, *Patrologia Latina* *Patrologia Latina*, ed. J.-P. Migne, 221 vols. (Paris: Garnier and J.-P. Migne's successors, 1844–64)
- ODNB *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, ed. H. C. G. Matthew and B. Harrison Matthew, 61 vols. (Oxford: Oxford University Press in association with the British Academy, 2004), consulted online at [www.oxforddnb.com/](http://www.oxforddnb.com/)

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OV	<i>The Ecclesiastical History of Orderic Vitalis</i> , ed. M. Chibnall, 6 vols. (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1969–80)
RRAN	<i>Regesta Regum Anglo-Normannorum 1066–1154</i> , 4 vols., I, ed. H. W. C. Davis, II, ed. C. Johnson and H. A. Cronne, III and IV, ed. H. A. Cronne and R. H. C. Davis (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1923–69)
RS	Rolls Series
S	Electronic Sawyer enumeration of Anglo-Saxon Charters, <a href="http://www.esawyer.org.uk">www.esawyer.org.uk</a>
WM	William of Malmesbury

## NOTE ON REFERENCES

References to the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle are by letter symbol for the manuscript and year.

Domesday Book is cited by volume and folio number.

Pipe Rolls are cited by regnal year in the edition published by the Pipe Roll Society. Page references to *Pipe Roll 31 Henry I* are to the 2012 edition, Pipe Roll Society, New Series, 57.

Unless otherwise stated, Anglo-Saxon law codes are usually referred to by the reference system in F. Liebermann, *Die Gesetze der Angelsachsen*, 3 vols. (Halle: Niemayer, 1903–16).