

HENRY VIII AND HIS AFTERLIVES

Henry VIII remains one of the most fascinating, notorious, and recognizable monarchs in English history. In the five centuries since his accession to the throne, his iconic status has been shaped by different media. From Shakespeare to *The Tudors*, this book reassesses treatments of Henry VIII in literature, politics, and culture during the period spanned by the king's own reign (1509–47) and the twenty-first century. Historians and literary scholars investigate how representations of the king provoked varied responses from influential writers, artists, and political figures in the decades and centuries following his death. Individual chapters consider interrelated responses to Henry's character and policies during his lifetime; his literary and political afterlife; the king's impact on art and popular culture; and his debated place in historiography, from the Tudor period to the present.

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Abbreviations

BL The British Library
Bodl. The Bodleian Library

CUL Cambridge University Library
HL The Henry E. Huntington Library

Madan Falconer Madan, et al., A Summary Catalogue of

Western Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library at Oxford which have not hitherto been Catalogued in the Quarto Series, 7 vols. in 8 [vol. 2 in 2 parts] (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1895–1953; reprinted with corrections in vols. 1 and 7, Munich, 1980).

ODNB H. C. G. Matthew and Brian Harrison (eds.), The

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography: In Association with the British Academy: from the Earliest Times to the Year 2000, 60 vols. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) (print and online

at http://www.oxforddnb.com).

OED The Oxford English Dictionary

RSTC A Short-Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England,

Scotland, and Ireland, and of English Books Printed Abroad, 1475–1640, compiled by A. W. Pollard and G. R. Redgrave; 2nd edn. revised and enlarged by W. A. Jackson, F. S. Ferguson, and Katharine F. Pantzer, 3 vols. (London: The Bibliographical

Society, 1976–91).

TNA The National Archives