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The practice of swearing oaths was at the centre of the English Reformation. On the one hand, oaths were the medium through which the Henrician regime implemented its ideology and secured loyalty among the people. On the other, they were the tool by which the English people embraced, resisted, and manipulated royal policy. Jonathan Michael Gray argues that since the Reformation was negotiated through oaths, their precise significance and function are central to understanding it fully. *Oaths and the English Reformation* sheds new light on the motivation of Henry VIII, the enforcement of and resistance to reform, and the extent of popular participation and negotiation in the political process. Placing oaths at the heart of the narrative, this book argues that the English Reformation was determined as much by its method of implementation and response as it was by the theology or political theory it transmitted.

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When quoting early modern texts, I have kept the original spelling but expanded all abbreviations. Some punctuation has been amended for clarity. I take the new year to start on 1 January and have changed some dates accordingly. Unless otherwise noted, all translations from Latin and French are my own. This includes Chapuys' letters to Charles V. Whenever the original letter is cited from the Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv, the English quotation in the text is my translation.

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Abbreviations

BI	Borthwick Institute for Archives
BL	British Library
<i>Cal SP Spain</i>	<i>Calendar of Letters, Despatches, and State Papers, relating to the Negotiations between England and Spain Preserved in the Archives at Simancas and Elsewhere</i> . Ed. Pascual Gayangos. Vols. iv and v. London, 1879–88
<i>Cal SP Venice</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers and Manuscripts, Relating to English Affairs, Existing in the Archives and Collections of Venice, and in Other Libraries of Northern Italy</i> . Ed. Rawdon Brown et al. London: Longman Green, 1864–1947
<i>CAP</i>	<i>Church Authority and Power in Medieval and Early Modern Britain: The Episcopal Registers</i> . Ed. Dorothy Owen and David Smith. 9 vols. Brighton: Harvester Press Microform, 1986
CCCC	Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
<i>CIC</i>	<i>Corpus Iuris Canonici</i> . Ed. Aemilius Friedberg. 2 vols. 1879–81. Reprint, Union, NJ: Lawbook Exchange, 2000
CUL	Cambridge University Library
Foxe, <i>AM</i> (1583)	<i>Acts and Monuments (1583) . . . The Variorum Edition</i> . [online]. Sheffield: HriOnline 3 2004. www.hrionline.shef.ac.uk/foxe/ Accessed May 2005 to June 2011
Foxe, <i>AM</i> (Townsend)	<i>Acts and Monuments of John Foxe; with a Life of the Martyrologist, and Vindication of the Work</i> . Ed. George Townsend. New York: Ams Press, 1965
GL	Guildhall Library, London
HHS	Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv, Vienna

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KAO	Kent County Archives Office (now Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone)
LP	<i>Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII, Preserved in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and Elsewhere.</i> Ed. J. S. Brewer, R. H. Brodie, and James Gairdner. 2nd edn 1920. 21 vols. in 37. Reprint, Vaduz: Kraus Reprint, 1965
LPL	Lambeth Palace Library, London
NA	National Archives, Kew
PS	Parker Society