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In the sixteenth century, Erasmus of Rotterdam led a humanist campaign to deter European princes from vainglorious warfare by giving them liberal educations. His prescriptions for the study of classical authors and scripture transformed the upbringing of Tudor and Stuart royal children. Rather than emphasising the sword, the educations of Henry VIII, James VI and I and their successors prioritised the pen. In a period of succession crises, female sovereignty and minority rulers, liberal education played a hitherto unappreciated role in reshaping the political and religious thought and culture of early modern Britain. This book explores how a humanist curriculum gave princes the rhetorical skills, biblical knowledge and political impetus to assert the royal supremacy over their subjects' souls. Liberal education was meant to prevent over-mighty monarchy, but in practice it taught kings and queens how to extend their authority over church and state.

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Abbreviations

ATS	<i>Accounts of the Treasurer of Scotland</i> , ed. C. T. McInnes, vols. XII–XIII (Edinburgh, 1978)
BL	British Library, London
BN	Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris
Bodleian	Bodleian Library, Oxford
Buchanan, <i>De iure regni</i>	George Buchanan, <i>A dialogue on the law of kingship among the Scots: A critical edition and translation of George Buchanan's 'De iure regni apud Scotos dialogus'</i> , eds. Roger A. Mason and Martin S. Smith (Aldershot, 2004)
CCR	<i>Calendar of the charter rolls preserved in the Public Record Office, 5 Henry VI–8 Henry VIII</i> , vol. vi: 1427–1516 (London, 1927)
CPR	<i>Calendar of the patent rolls preserved in the Public Record Office: Henry VI, Edward IV, Edward V, Richard III and Henry VII</i> , 11 vols. (London, 1897–1929)
CSPD James	<i>Calendar of state papers, domestic series, of the reign of James I: In the State Paper Department of Her Majesty's Public Record Office</i> , ed. Mary Anne Everett Green, 4 vols. (London, 1857–9)
CSP Milan	<i>Calendar of state papers and manuscripts in the archives and collections of Milan: 1385–1618</i> , ed. Allen B. Hinds (London, 1912)
CSP Scotland	<i>Calendar of state papers relating to Scotland and Mary Queen of Scots, 1547–1603</i> ,

<i>CSP Spain</i>	ed. J. Bain <i>et al.</i> , 13 vols. (Edinburgh, 1898–1969) <i>Calendar of letters, despatches and state papers relating to the negotiations between England and Spain preserved in the archives of Simancas and elsewhere</i> , ed. G. A. Bergenroth <i>et al.</i> , 19 vols. (London, 1862–1954)
<i>CSPV</i>	<i>Calendar of state papers relating to English affairs in the archives of Venice</i> , eds. Rawdon Brown <i>et al.</i> , 38 vols. (London, 1864–1947)
CUL	Cambridge University Library
Edward, <i>CPP</i>	Edward VI, <i>The chronicle and political papers</i> , ed. W. K. Jordan (Ithaca, 1966)
Edward, <i>LR</i>	Edward VI, <i>Literary remains of King Edward the sixth, edited from his autograph manuscripts with historical notes and a biographical memoir</i> , ed. John Gough Nichols, 2 vols. (London, 1857)
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
Elizabeth, <i>ACFL</i>	Elizabeth I, <i>Elizabeth I: Autograph compositions and foreign language originals</i> , eds. Janel Mueller and Leah Marcus (Chicago, 2003)
Elizabeth, <i>Translations</i>	Elizabeth I, <i>Elizabeth I: Translations, 1544–1589</i> , eds. Janel Mueller and Joshua Scodel (Chicago, 2009)
Ellis, <i>Letters</i>	<i>Original letters, illustrative of English history; including numerous royal letters; from autographs in the British Museum, and one or two other collections</i> , ed. Henry Ellis, 4 vols. (London, 1824–6)
Erasmus, <i>CWE</i>	Erasmus, <i>Collected works of Erasmus</i> , ed. James McConica <i>et al.</i> , 52 vols. (Toronto, 1974–)
Erasmus, <i>EECP</i>	Erasmus, <i>Education of a Christian prince with the Panegyric for Archduke Philip of Austria</i> , trans. Neil M. Cheshire and Michael J. Heath, ed. Lisa Jardine (Cambridge, 1997)
Erasmus, <i>OEDE</i>	Erasmus, <i>Opus epistolarum Desiderii Erasmi Roterodami: denuo recognitum et auctum</i> , P. S. Allen <i>et al.</i> , 12 vols. (Oxford, 1906–1958)
Erasmus, <i>Opera omnia</i>	Erasmus, <i>Opera omnia Desiderii Erasmi Roterodami: Recognita et adnotatione critica</i>

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	<i>instructa notisque illustrata, 9 ordines</i> (Amsterdam, 1969–)
fol.	folio (fols. plural)
Foxe, <i>TAMO</i>	John Foxe, <i>The unabridged acts and monuments online</i> (Sheffield: HRI Online Publications, 2011), www.johnfoxe.org
FSL	Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, DC
Haynes, <i>SP</i>	<i>Collection of state papers relating to affairs in the reigns of King Henry VIII, King Edward VI, Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, left by William Cecil</i> , eds. Samuel Haynes and William Murdin, 2 vols. (London, 1740–59)
HHCP	Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, Cecil Papers
<i>HJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
<i>HMC Mar</i>	<i>Report on the manuscripts of the Earl of Mar and Kellie preserved at Alloa house</i> , ed. H. Paton, 2 vols. (London, 1904–30)
<i>HMC Salisbury</i>	<i>Calendar of the manuscripts of the Most Honourable the Marquess of Salisbury, preserved at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire</i> , eds. R. A. Roberts <i>et al.</i> , 24 vols. (London, 1883–1976)
James, <i>BD</i>	James VI and I, ‘Basilicon doron’, in <i>James VI and I: Political writings</i> , ed. Johann P. Sommerville (Cambridge, 1994)
James, <i>Trew law</i>	James VI and I, <i>The trew law of free monarchies</i> , in <i>James VI and I: Political writings</i> , ed. Johann P. Sommerville (Cambridge, 1994)
<i>LP</i>	<i>Letters and papers, foreign and domestic, Henry VIII</i> , eds. J. S. Brewer <i>et al.</i> , 22 vols. (London, 1864–1932)
MS	manuscript (MSS plural)
NA	National Archives, Kew, London
NAS	National Archives of Scotland, Edinburgh
NLS	National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh
<i>ODNB</i>	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
<i>PPC</i>	<i>Proceedings and ordinances of the Privy Council</i> , ed. Harris Nicolas, 7 vols. (London, 1834–7)
<i>PPE</i>	<i>Proceedings in the Parliaments of Elizabeth I</i> , ed. T. E. Hartley, 3 vols. (London, 1981–95)

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<i>RPCS</i>	<i>Register of the Privy Council of Scotland</i> , eds. J. H. Burton <i>et al.</i> , 38 vols. (Edinburgh, 1877–1970)
<i>RPS</i>	<i>Records of the Parliaments of Scotland to 1707</i> , www.rps.ac.uk
sig.	signature (sigs. plural)
<i>SCJ</i>	<i>Sixteenth Century Journal</i>
SP	National Archives, Kew, State Papers
STC	<i>A short-title catalogue of books printed in England, Scotland, and Ireland and of English books printed abroad, 1475–1640</i> , first compiled by A. W. Pollard and G. R. Redgrave, revised and enlarged by W. A. Jackson, F. S. Ferguson and K. F. Pantzer, 3 vols. (London, 1986–91)
Warner	George F. Warner (ed.), ‘The Library of James VI, 1573–1583: from a manuscript in the hand of Peter Young, his tutor’, <i>Miscellany of the Scottish History Society</i> (Edinburgh, 1898)
WLTC	Wren Library, Trinity College, Cambridge