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From their crystallisation in the late fifth century to their ultimate decline in the eighth, the Merovingian kingdoms were a product of a vibrant Mediterranean society with both a cultural past and a dynamic and ongoing dialogue between the member communities. By bringing together the scholarship of historians, archaeologists, art historians, and manuscript researchers, this volume examines the Merovingian world's Mediterranean connections. The Franks' cultural horizons spanned not only the Latin-speaking world, but also the Byzantine Empire, northern Europe, Sassanid Persia, and, after the seventh century, a quickly ascendant Islamic culture. Traces of a constant movement of people and cultural artefacts through this world are ubiquitous. As simultaneous consumers, adapters, and disseminators of culture, the degree to which the Merovingian kingdoms were thought to engage with their neighbours is re-evaluated as this volume analyses written accounts, archaeological findings and artefacts to provide new perspectives on Merovingian wide-ranging relations.

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AASS	Acta Sanctorum (Antwerp and Brussels, 1643–)
BM	Bibliothèque Municipale
BnF	Bibliothèque nationale de France
CAH XIII, XIV	<i>Cambridge Ancient History</i> , vol. XIII: <i>The Later Empire, AD 337–425</i> , ed. A. Cameron and P. Garnsey (Cambridge, 1998); and vol. XIV: <i>Late Antiquity: Empire and Successors, AD 425–600</i> , ed. A. Cameron, B. Ward-Perkins and M. Whitby (Cambridge, 2000)
CCCM	Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Mediaevalis (Turnhout, 1966–)
CCSL	Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina (Turnhout, 1952–)
ChLA	<i>Chartae latinae antiquiores: Facsimile Edition of the Latin Charters prior to the Ninth Century</i> , ed. A. Bruckner and R. Marichal (Olten and Lausanne, 1954–)
CLA	<i>Codices Latini Antiquiores: A Palaeographical Guide to Latin Manuscripts Prior to the Ninth Century</i> , 11 vols with a supplement (Oxford, 1935–71; 2nd edn of vol. II, 1972)
CSEL	Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum (Vienna, 1866–)
MGH	Monumenta Germaniae Historica
AA	Auctores Antiquissimi (Berlin, 1877–1919)
Cap.	Capitularia regum Francorum (Hannover, 1883–97)
Epp.	Epistulae (Berlin, 1887–1939)
LNG	Leges nationum Germanicarum (Hannover, 1888–)
Poetae	Poetae latini medii aevi (Berlin, 1881–1951)

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SRG	Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum (Hannover, 1871–)
SRL	Scriptores rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum (Hannover, 1878)
SRM	Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum (Hannover, 1884–1951)
SS	Scriptores in folio (Berlin, 1826–)
NCMH I, II	<i>New Cambridge Medieval History</i> , vol. I: <i>c. 500–700</i> , ed. P. Fouracre (Cambridge, 2005); vol. II: <i>c. 700–900</i> , ed. R. McKitterick (Cambridge, 1995)
PG	Patrologiae cursus completus, series graeca, ed. J.-P. Migne, 161 vols (Paris, 1857–66)
PL	Patrologiae cursus completus, series latina, ed. J.-P. Migne, 221 vols (Paris, 1841–64)
SC	Sources chrétiennes (Paris, 1941–)
Settimane	Settimane di studio del Centro italiano di studi sull’alto medioevo (Spoleto, 1954–)