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Did the laity have a part in the Carolingian Renaissance? If so, how were lay elites, and through them the laity at large, affected? This wide-ranging volume examines these questions through a study of lay involvement in literary and artistic activity in early medieval Europe. Leading historians explore a diverse range of Latin and vernacular texts written by secular authors and use richly drawn case studies to illuminate such key issues as the extent of lay literacy, the contexts in which learned laity could flourish, the transformative impact of the Carolingian Renaissance, and the interaction of 'lay' and 'clerical' values on both sides of the English Channel. This volume demonstrates that the learned laity, both women and men, contributed much more as writers and patrons to early medieval culture than was previously thought, and it will be essential reading for scholars of Carolingian and Anglo-Saxon history.

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Preface

Patrick Wormald invited nearly all the papers in this book for delivery at sessions he conceived and organised at the annual International Conference on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1999 and 2000; the concluding paper was commissioned shortly afterwards. He wanted the book to be published as soon as possible after the contributions were written, read and revised, and he worked very hard to achieve that end. He died in September 2004. Despite the inevitable delay in getting this collection into print, it is the hope of all the contributors that their efforts have not dated. In fact it is their fervent belief that this book is every bit as timely as Patrick's original project. Their collective wish is to assure readers that this book is as Patrick intended it to be – with one exception: it lacks the introduction he planned to write. The one I have written can be no substitute for what is lost. It attempts merely to situate this project in Patrick's career and within the intellectual preoccupations of what proved, alas, to be his final years. In making final preparations for the book's publication, I have incurred debts of gratitude: to Cambridge University Press, and, above all, to the contributors, for their help and patience, to Rachel Stone for preparing the Index, and most of all, to Jenny, Tom and Luke Wormald for their moral support throughout.

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<i>AB</i>	<i>Annales Bertiniani</i> , ed. F. Grat, J. Vielliard, S. Clémencet and L. Levillain; <i>Les Annales de Saint-Bertin</i> (Paris, 1964), English translation by J. L. Nelson, <i>The Annals of St-Bertin</i> (Manchester, 1991)
<i>AF</i>	<i>Annales Fuldenses</i> , ed. F. Kurze, <i>MGH SRG 7</i> (Hanover, 1891), pp. 33, 34, English translation by T. Reuter, <i>The Annals of Fulda</i> (Manchester, 1992)
<i>AHR</i>	<i>American Historical Review</i>
<i>ARF</i>	<i>Annales Regni Francorum</i> , ed. F. Kurze, <i>MGH SRG 6</i> (Hanover, 1895)
<i>ASC</i>	<i>Anglo-Saxon Chronicle</i>
<i>ASE</i>	<i>Anglo-Saxon England</i>
Astronomer	Astronomer, <i>Vita Hludowici imperatoris</i> , ed. E. Tremp, <i>MGH SRG 64</i> (Hanover, 1995)
<i>CCCM</i>	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Continuatio Medievalis</i> (Turnhout, 1966–)
<i>CCSL</i>	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i> (Turnhout, 1952–)
<i>DA</i>	<i>Deutsches Archiv für Erforschung des Mittelalters</i>
Dhuoda	<i>Liber Manualis</i> , ed., with French translation by B. de Vregille and C. Mondésert, by P. Riché, <i>Manuel pour mon fils</i> , <i>SC 225</i> (Paris, 1975); also ed., with English translation, by M. Thiébaux, <i>Dhuoda, Handbook for her Warrior Son: Liber Manualis</i> (Cambridge, 1998)
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>EME</i>	<i>Early Medieval Europe</i>

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Ermold	Ermoldus Nigellus, <i>In honorem Hludovici pii</i> , ed. (with French translation) E. Faral, <i>Ermold le Noir: Poème sur Louis le Pieux</i> , 2nd edn (Paris, 1964)
FMS	<i>Frühmittelalterliche Studien</i>
HJ	<i>Historisches Jahrbuch</i>
HZ	<i>Historische Zeitschrift</i>
JEH	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
JMH	<i>Journal of Medieval History</i>
KL	S. Keynes and M. Lapidge, eds., <i>Alfred the Great. Asser's Life of King Alfred and other Contemporary Sources</i> , translated with introduction and notes (London, 1983)
LM	<i>Lexikon des Mittelalters</i>
MGH	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica</i>
AA	<i>Auctores antiquissimi</i>
Capit. episc.	<i>Capitularia episcoporum</i>
Capit.	<i>Capitularia regum Francorum</i>
MGH Conc.	
Const.	<i>Constitutiones et acta publica imperatorum et regum</i>
DD	<i>Diplomata regum et imperatorum; Die Urkunden der deutschen Könige und Kaiser</i>
Epp.	<i>Epistulae III–VII (= Epistulae merovingici et karolini aevi, Hanover, 1892–1939)</i>
Epp. DK	<i>Epistulae der deutschen Kaiserzeit</i>
Epp. sel.	<i>Epistulae selectae in usum scholarum</i>
Fontes	<i>Fontes iuris germanici antiqui in usum scholarum</i>
Form.	<i>Formulae Merovingici et Karolini Aevi</i>
Poet.	<i>Poetae latini aevi carolini</i>
Quellen	<i>Quellen der deutschen Kaiserzeit</i>
MGH Schriften	
SRG	<i>Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum separatim editi</i>
SRL	<i>Scriptores rerum Langobardorum</i>
SRM	<i>Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum</i>
SS	<i>Scriptores in folio</i>
SSDM	<i>Scriptores des deutsches Mittelalters</i>
MIÖG	<i>Mitteilungen des Instituts für Österreichische Geschichtsforschung</i>

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NCMH	<i>The New Cambridge Medieval History</i> , vol. II, ed. R. McKitterick (Cambridge, 1995); vol. III, ed. T. Reuter (Cambridge, 1999)
Nithard	Nithard, <i>Historiarum Libri IV</i> , ed. with French translation by P. Lauer, <i>Nithard: Histoire des fils de Louis le Pieux</i> (Paris, 1964)
Notker	Notker, <i>Gesta Karoli magni imperatoris</i> , ed. H. F. Haefele, <i>MGH SRG</i> n.s. 12 (Berlin, 1959)
<i>Pe&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
PBA	<i>Proceedings of the British Academy</i>
PL	J.-P. Migne ed., <i>Patrologia Latina</i> , 217 plus 4 index vols. (Paris, 1841–64)
QFIAB	<i>Quellen und Forschungen aus italienischen Archiven und Bibliotheken</i>
S. (with number)	P. H. Sawyer, <i>A Hand-List of Anglo-Saxon Charters</i> , Royal Historical Society Guides and Handbooks 8 (London, 1968); a revised edition by S. E. Kelly is ongoing and available online at www.trin.cam.ac.uk/chartwww/
SC	<i>Sources Chrétiennes</i>
SCH	<i>Studies in Church History</i>
Settimane Spoleto	Settimane di Studio del Centro italiano di studi sull'alto medioevo
Thegan	Thegan, <i>Gesta Hludovici imperatoris</i> , ed. E. Tremp, <i>MGH SRG</i> 54 (Hanover, 1995)
TRHS	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
VA	Asser, <i>Life of King Alfred (Asserius, De Gestis regis Ælfredi)</i> , ed. W. A. Stevenson (Oxford, 1904), repr. with Introduction by D. Whitelock (Oxford, 1959)
VK	Einhard, <i>Vita Karoli Magni</i> , ed. O. Holder-Egger, <i>MGH SRG</i> 25, 6th edn (Hanover and Leipzig, 1911)
WMGR	William of Malmesbury, <i>Gesta regum Anglorum</i> , vol. I, ed. R. A. B. Mynors, R. M. Thomson and M. Winterbottom (Oxford, 1998)
Whitelock, <i>EHD</i>	D. Whitelock, ed., <i>English Historical Documents</i> , vol. I: <i>c. 500–1042</i> , 2nd edn (London, 1979)
Wormald, <i>Making</i>	P. Wormald, <i>The Making of English Law: King Alfred to the Twelfth Century</i> , vol. I, <i>Legislation and its Limits</i> (Oxford, 1999)

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ZRG, GA

*Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte,
germanistische Abteilung*

ZRG, RA

*Zeitschrift der Savigny-Stiftung für Rechtsgeschichte,
römanistische Abteilung*