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This is a book about the history of the family in eighteenth-century England. Naomi Tadmor provides a new interpretation of concepts of household, family, and kinship starting from her analysis of contemporary language (in the diaries of Thomas Turner; in conduct treatises by Samuel Richardson and Eliza Haywood; and in three novels, Richardson's *Pamela* and *Clarissa* and Haywood's *The History of Miss Betsy Thoughtless* and other sources). Naomi Tadmor emphasises the importance of the household in constructing notions of the family in the eighteenth century. She uncovers a vibrant language of kinship which recasts our understanding of kinship ties in the period. She also shows how strong ties of 'friendship' formed vital social, economic, and political networks among kin and non-kin. *Family and Friends in Eighteenth-Century England* makes a substantial contribution to eighteenth-century history, and will be of value to all historians and literary scholars of the period.

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All italics are mine, unless stated otherwise.

Abbreviations

BL Add. MS	British Library Additional Manuscript
CKS	Centre for Kentish Studies
ESRO	East Sussex Record Office
<i>N&Q</i>	<i>Notes and Queries</i>
<i>OED</i>	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
<i>SAC</i>	<i>Sussex Archaeological Collections</i>
<i>SCM</i>	<i>Sussex County Magazine</i>
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