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Much ink has been spent on accounts of the English Civil Wars of the mid-seventeenth century, yet royalism has been largely neglected. This pioneering volume of essays by leading scholars in the field seeks to fill that significant gap in our understanding by focusing on those who took up arms for the king. The royalists described were not reactionary, absolutist extremists but pragmatic, moderate men who were not so different in temperament or background from the vast majority of those who decided to side with, or were forced by circumstances to side with, Parliament and its army. The chapters force us to think beyond the simplistic dichotomy between royalist ‘absolutists’ and ‘constitutionalists’, and suggest instead that allegiances were much more fluid and contingent than has hitherto been recognized. This is a major contribution to the political and intellectual history of the Civil Wars and of early modern England more generally.

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This volume evolved from an international conference entitled ‘Royalists and Royalism: Politics, Religion, and Culture, 1640–60’ that we jointly organized at Clare College, Cambridge, in July 2004. This conference brought together more than seventy scholars and students from four continents and a variety of disciplines, all of whom shared a common interest in mid-seventeenth-century British royalism. The conference proved extraordinarily lively and stimulating, and we hope that something of that atmosphere will be evident in this collection. More than thirty papers were presented at the conference, spanning the period from the late 1630s to the early 1660s, but in the interests of focus and coherence we have decided to concentrate this collection on the period from about 1638 through to the execution of Charles I. We plan in the near future to edit a related collection entitled *Royalists and Royalism during the Interregnum*.

Sally Johnson, the Conference Manager at Clare College, went out of her way to ensure the smooth running of the conference. She and her colleagues were a model of helpfulness, efficiency and professionalism. We raised close to £10,000 to pay for the conference. We are deeply grateful to the Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) in Cambridge for their generous financial support of the conference, and for providing us with invaluable administrative assistance. The British Academy paid for the flights of a number of scholars from the United States. We also gratefully acknowledge the generous financial help that we received from the Trevelyan Fund of the Cambridge History Faculty, the Royal Stuart Society, the Royal Historical Society, and Christ Church, Oxford. John Morrill has, as always, been a great source of support and encouragement, as have Ronald Hutton and Quentin Skinner.

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retained and the standard abbreviated forms have been expanded. Dates are given in old style, except that the year is taken to begin on 1 January rather than 25 March.

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Add. MS	Additional Manuscript
BIHR	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i>
BL	British Library
Bodl.	Bodleian Library, Oxford
Carte (ed.), <i>Letters</i>	T. Carte (ed.), <i>A Collection of Original Letters and Papers, concerning the Affairs of England, from the year 1641–1660</i> , 2 vols. (1739)
Carte, <i>Life</i>	T. Carte, <i>The Life of James Duke of Ormond</i> , 6 vols. (Oxford, 1851)
CHR	W. D. Macray (ed.), <i>The History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars in England by Edward, Earl of Clarendon</i> , 6 vols. (Oxford, 1888)
Cj	<i>Commons' Journals</i>
CSP	Richard Scrope and Thomas Monckhouse (eds.), <i>State Papers Collected by Edward, Earl of Clarendon</i> , 3 vols. (Oxford, 1767–86)
CSPD	<i>Calendar of State Papers Domestic</i>
CSPV	<i>Calendar of State Papers Venetian</i>
DWL	Dr Williams's Library, London
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
Gardiner, <i>HGCW</i>	S. R. Gardiner, <i>History of the Great Civil War</i> , 4 vols. (1987 edn)
Gardiner (ed.), <i>CDPR</i>	S. R. Gardiner (ed.), <i>The Constitutional Documents of the Puritan Revolution 1625–1660</i> (Oxford, 1906)
HGR	Edward, Earl of Clarendon, <i>History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars in England</i> , ed. W. D. Macray 6 vols. (Oxford, 1888)
Hj	<i>Historical Journal</i>
HLQ	<i>Huntington Library Quarterly</i>

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HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
<i>HR</i>	<i>Historical Research</i>
<i>IHS</i>	<i>Irish Historical Studies</i>
<i>JBS</i>	<i>Journal of British Studies</i>
<i>LJ</i>	<i>Lords Journals</i>
<i>LQHM</i>	M. A. E. Green (ed.), <i>Letters of Queen Henrietta Maria</i> (1857)
<i>MPR</i>	Eliot Warburton, <i>Memoirs of Prince Rupert and the Cavaliers</i> , 3 vols. (1849)
<i>MSS</i>	manuscripts
<i>NAS</i>	National Archives of Scotland
<i>Nicholas</i>	F. Warner (ed.), <i>The Nicholas Correspondence: the Correspondence of Sir Edward Nicholas</i> , 4 vols. (Camden Soc., 1886–1920)
<i>NLW</i>	National Library of Wales
<i>Oxford DNB</i>	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past & Present</i>
<i>SP</i>	State Papers
<i>SRP</i>	J. F. Larkin and P. L. Hughes (eds.), <i>Stuart Royal Proclamations</i> , vol. II (Oxford, 1983)
<i>STC</i>	Short-Title Catalogue
<i>TNA</i>	The National Archives, Kew
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>