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Outrage in the Age of Reform

In the 1830s, as Britain navigated political reform to stave off instability and social unrest, Ireland became increasingly influential in determining British politics. This book is the first to chart the importance that Irish agrarian violence – instances of which were known as ‘outrages’ – played in shaping how the ‘decade of reform’ unfolded. It argues that while Whig politicians attempted to incorporate Ireland fully into the political union to address long-standing grievances, Conservative politicians and media outlets focussed on Irish outrages to stymie political change. Jay R. Roszman brings to light the ways that a wing of the Conservative Party, which included many Anglo-Irish, set Irish violence in the context of a wider imperial framework, stressing the ways in which outrages threatened the Union and with it the wider empire. Using underutilised sources, the book also reassesses the ways in which Irish people interpreted ‘everyday’ agrarian violence in pre-Famine society, suggesting that many people perpetuated outrages to assert popularly conceived notions of justice against the imposition of British sovereignty.

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For Rachel and Aubrey: My loves, forever

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Abbreviations

BARS	Bedfordshire Archives and Records Service, Bedford
BEM	<i>Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine</i>
BL	British Library, London
BNL	<i>Belfast News-Letter</i>
CH	Castle Howard, York
DCRO	Durham County Record Office, Durham
DUM	Dublin University Magazine
ECL	Exeter Cathedral Library, Exeter
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
FJ	<i>Freeman's Journal</i>
HJ	<i>The Historical Journal</i>
IHS	<i>Irish Historical Studies</i>
JBS	<i>Journal of British Studies</i>
LPL	Liverpool Public Library
MC	Mulgrave Castle, Whitby
NAI	National Archive Ireland, Dublin
NLI	National Library of Ireland, Dublin
PRONI	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast
P. P.	Parliamentary Papers
P & P	<i>Past & Present</i>
RCBL	Representative Church Body Library, Dublin
TC	Tullyally Castle, Castlepollard
TCD	Trinity College Dublin, Dublin
TNA	The National Archives, Kew
UCL	University College London, London
UNSC	University of Nottingham Special Collections, Nottingham
USSC	University of Southampton Special Collections, Southampton
WSRO	West Sussex Record Office, Chichester