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This broad-ranging study explores the nature of national sentiment in fourteenth-century England and sets it in its political and constitutional context for the first time. Andrea Ruddick reveals that, despite the problematic relationship between nationality and subject-hood in the king of England's domains, a sense of English identity was deeply embedded in the mindset of a significant section of political society. Using previously neglected official records as well as familiar literary sources, the book reassesses the role of the English language in fourteenth-century national sentiment and questions the traditional reliance on the English vernacular as an index of national feeling. Positioning national identity as central to our understanding of late medieval society, culture, religion and politics, the book represents a significant contribution not only to the political history of late medieval England, but also to the growing debate on the nature and origins of states, nations and nationalism in Europe.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

<i>Adae Murimuth</i>	<i>Adae Murimuth continuatio chronicarum</i> , ed. E. M. Thompson (London: Rolls Series, 1889), no. 93.
<i>Annales cestrienses</i>	<i>Annales cestrienses</i> , ed. R. C. Christie (London: Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire, 1887), no. 14.
‘Annales Londonienses’	‘Annales Londonienses’, in <i>Chronicles of the reigns of Edward I and II</i> , ed. W. Stubbs (London: Rolls Series, 1882–3), no. 76, vol. 1.
‘Annals of Osney’	‘Annals of Osney’, in <i>Annales monastici</i> , ed. H. R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1869), no. 36, vol. IV.
‘Annales Paulini’	‘Annales Paulini’, in <i>Chronicles of the reigns of Edward I and II</i> , ed. W. Stubbs (London: Rolls Series, 1882), no. 76, vol. 1.
‘Annals of Waverley’	‘Annals of Waverley’, in <i>Annales monastici</i> , ed. H. R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1865), no. 36, vol. II.
‘Annals of Winchester’	‘Annals of Winchester’, in <i>Annales monastici</i> , ed. H. R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1865), no. 36, vol. II.
‘Annals of Worcester’	‘Annals of Worcester’, in <i>Annales monastici</i> , ed. H. R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1865), no. 36, vol. II.
<i>Anonimalle</i>	<i>The Anonimalle chronicle, 1333–1381</i> , ed. V. H. Galbraith (Manchester, 1927).
‘Bridlington Chronicle’	‘The Bridlington chronicle’, in <i>Chronicles of the reigns of Edward I and II</i> , ed. W. Stubbs (London: Rolls Series, 1882–3), no. 76, vol. II.

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- The Brut* *The Brut or the chronicles of England*, ed. F.W. D. Brie (London: Early English Text Society, 1906–8), 2 vols., original series no. 131, 136.
- Bury St Edmunds* *The chronicle of Bury St Edmunds, 1212–1301*, ed. and trans. A. Gransden (London, 1964).
- CCR *Calendar of Close Rolls.*
- Chronicon de Lanercost* *Chronicon de Lanercost, 1201–1346*, ed. J. Stevenson (Edinburgh, 1839).
- Chronicon Petrobургense* *Chronicon Petrobургense*, ed. T. Stapleton (London: Camden Society, 1849), no. 47.
- Concilia* *Concilia Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae, AD 446–1718*, ed. D. Wilkins (London, 1737), vols. I–II.
- CPR *Calendar of Patent Rolls.*
- Croniques de London* *Croniques de London, 1259–1343*, ed. G. J. Aungier (London: Camden Society, 1844). Cambridge University Library.
- CUL *English Historical Review.*
- EHR *Flores historiarum*, ed. H. R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1890), no. 95, vol. III.
- Flores historiarum* *Flores historiarum*, ed. H. R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1890), no. 95, vol. III.
- Foedera* *Foedera, conventiones, literae et cujuscunque generis acta publica*, ed. T. Rymer (London, 1704–35), 2 vols.
- Galfridi le Baker* *Chronicon Galfridi le Baker de Swynbroke*, ed. E. M. Thompson (Oxford, 1889).
- Gascon Rolls, 1307–17* *Gascon rolls, 1307–17*, ed. Y. Renouard (Paris, 1966).
- Gervase of Canterbury* *The historical works of Gervase of Canterbury*, ed. W. Stubbs (London: Rolls Series, 1879–80), no. 73, 2 vols.
- Henry of Huntingdon* *Henry of Huntingdon: Historia Anglorum*, ed. D. Greenway (Oxford, 1996).
- Henry Knighton* *Knighton's chronicle, 1337–1396*, ed. G. H. Martin (Oxford, 1995).
- Johannis de Reading* *Chronica Johannis de Reading et anonymi Cantuariensis*, ed. J. Tait (Manchester, 1914).
- 'John of Malvern' 'John of Malvern', in *Polychronicon Ranulphi Higden monachi Cestrensis*, ed. C. Babington and J. R. Lumby (London: Rolls Series, 1865–86), no. 41, vol. IX.

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<i>Lawrence Minot</i>	' <i>The Poems of Lawrence Minot</i> ', ed. J. Hall (Oxford, 1914)
'Merton Flores'	'Merton Flores', in <i>Flores historiarum</i> , ed. H. R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1890), no. 95, vol. III, pp. 239–327.
<i>Parliamentary writs</i>	<i>Parliamentary writs</i> , ed. F. Palgrave (London, 1827–34), 2 vols.
<i>Pierre de Langtoft</i>	<i>The chronicle of Pierre de Langtoft</i> , ed. T. Wright (London: Rolls Series, 1866–8), no. 47, 2 vols.
<i>Polychronicon</i>	<i>Polychronicon Ranulphi Higden monachi Cestrensis</i> , ed. C. Babington and J. R. Lumby (London: Rolls Series, 1865–86), no. 41, 8 vols.
PROME	<i>The parliament rolls of medieval England</i> , ed. C. Given-Wilson (Woodbridge/London, 2005), 16 vols.
<i>Robert of Gloucester</i>	<i>The metrical chronicle of Robert of Gloucester</i> , ed. W. A. Wright (London: Rolls Series, 1887), no. 86.
<i>Robert Mannyng</i>	<i>The chronicle of Robert Mannyng of Brunne</i> , ed. F. J. Furnivall (London: Rolls Series, 1887), no. 87.
<i>Robertus de Avesbury</i>	<i>Robertus de Avesbury, De gestis mirabilis regis Edwardi tertii</i> , ed. E. M. Thompson (London: Rolls Series, 1889), no. 93.
<i>Rôles Gascons</i>	<i>Rôles Gascons</i> , ed. C. Bémont (Paris, 1896–1906), 3 vols.
<i>Rotuli Scotiae</i>	<i>Rotuli Scotiae in Turri Londinensi et in Domo Capitulari Westmonasteriensi Asservati</i> , ed. D. Macpherson (London, 1814), 2 vols.
<i>Scalacronica</i>	<i>Scalacronica, by Sir Thomas Gray of Heton, knight. A chronicle of England and Scotland from A.D. MLXVI to A.D. MCCCLXII</i> , ed. J. Stevenson (Edinburgh, 1836).
<i>Short English metrical</i>	<i>An anonymous short English metrical chronicle</i> , ed. E. Zettl (London: Early English Text Society, 1935).
<i>Thomas Brinton</i>	M. A. Devlin (ed.), <i>The sermons of Thomas Brinton, bishop of Rochester (1373–89)</i> (London, 1954), Camden Society, 3rd series, no. lxxxv–vi, 2 vols.

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‘Thomas Wykes’	‘Annals of Thomas Wykes of Osney’, in <i>Annales monastici</i> , ed. H.R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1869), no. 36, vol. iv, pp. 6–354.
‘Tintern Flores’	‘Tintern Flores’, in <i>Flores historiarum</i> , ed. H. R. Luard (London: Rolls Series, 1890), no. 95, vol. iii, pp. 328–48.
<i>Treaty Rolls, 1234–1325</i>	<i>Treaty Rolls, 1234–1325</i> , ed. P. Chaplais (London, 1955).
<i>Treaty Rolls, 1337–39</i>	<i>Treaty Rolls, 1337–39</i> , ed. J. Ferguson (London, 1972).
TNA	<i>The National Archives: Public Record Office</i>
TRHS	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
<i>Vita Edwardi Secundi</i>	<i>Vita Edwardi Secundi, monachi cuiusdam Malmesberiensis</i> , ed. N. Denholm-Young (London, 1957).
<i>Walter of Guisborough</i>	<i>The chronicle of Walter of Guisborough</i> , ed. H. Rothwell (London: Camden Society, 1957), 3rd series, no. 89.
‘Welsh Rolls’	‘Welsh Rolls’, in <i>Calendar of Chancery rolls, various, 1277–1326</i> (London, 1912), pp. 157–362.