History writing in the Middle Ages did not belong to any particular genre, language or class of texts. Its remit was wide, embracing the events of antiquity; the deeds of saints, rulers, and abbots; archival practices; and contemporary reportage. This volume addresses the challenges presented by medieval historiography by using the diverse methodologies of medieval studies: legal and literary history, art history, religious studies, codicology, the history of the emotions, gender studies, and critical race theory. Spanning one thousand years of historiography in England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland, the essays map historical thinking across literary genres and expose the rich veins of national mythmaking tapped into by medieval writers. Additionally, they attend to the ways in which medieval histories crossed linguistic and geographical borders. Together, they trace multiple temporalities and productive anachronisms that fuelled some of the most innovative medieval writing.

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AFM  John O’Donovan (ed.), Annals of the Kingdom of Ireland by the Four Masters, 7 vols. (Dublin: Hodges, Smith, 1856)
ASC  Anglo-Saxon Chronicle
BL  British Library
Bodl.  Bodleian Library
B-P  Thomas Jones (ed. and trans.), Brut y tywysogyon or the Chronicle of the Princes, Peniarth MS. 20 Version (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 1952)
CCSL  Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina
CIH  D.A. Binchy (ed.), Corpus iuris Hibernici, 6 vols. (Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 1978)
CUL  Cambridge University Library
DEB  De excidio Britanniae
EETS  Early English Text Society
HEA

Hist. Angl.

HRB

HSC

HW1

HW2

MED
Middle English Dictionary

MGH
Monumenta Germaniae Historica

NLW
National Library of Wales

OED
Oxford English Dictionary

ODNB
Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

PL
Patrologia Latina

STC

STC Wing

Wells Rev.