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The dramatic religious revolutions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries involved a battle over social memory. On one side, the Reformation repudiated key aspects of medieval commemorative culture; on the other, traditional religion claimed that Protestantism was a religion without memory. This volume shows how religious memory was sometimes attacked and extinguished, while at other times rehabilitated in a modified guise. It investigates how new modes of memorialisation were embodied in texts, material objects, images, physical buildings, rituals and bodily gestures. Attentive to the roles played by denial, amnesia and fabrication, it also considers the retrospective processes by which the English Reformation became identified as an historic event. Examining dissident as well as official versions of this story, this richly illustrated, interdisciplinary collection traces how memory of the religious revolution evolved in the two centuries following the Henrician schism, and how the Reformation embedded itself in the early modern cultural imagination.

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<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>HistJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
<i>HLQ</i>	<i>Huntington Library Quarterly</i>
<i>JBS</i>	<i>Journal of British Studies</i>
<i>JEH</i>	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
<i>ODNB</i>	<i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i>
<i>OED</i>	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>
<i>P&amp;P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i>
<i>RenQ</i>	<i>Renaissance Quarterly</i>
<i>SC</i>	<i>The Seventeenth Century</i>
<i>SCJ</i>	<i>Sixteenth Century Journal</i>
<i>STC</i>	A. W. Pollard and G. R. Redgrave, <i>A Short Title Catalogue of Books Printed in England, Scotland and Ireland and of English Books Printed Abroad, 1475–1640</i> , revised and enlarged by W. A. Jackson, F. S. Ferguson and Kathleen F. Pantzer, 3 vols. (1976–91)
<i>StCH</i>	<i>Studies in Church History</i>
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>