

FLODOARD OF RHEIMS AND THE WRITING
OF HISTORY IN THE TENTH CENTURY

Flodoard of Rheims (893/4–966) is one of the tenth century's most intriguing but neglected historians. His works are essential sources for the emergence of the West Frankish and Ottonian kingdoms in the tumultuous decades following the collapse of the Carolingian empire in 888. Yet although Flodoard is a crucial narrative voice from this period, his works have seldom been considered in the context of the evolving circumstances of his turbulent career or his literary aims. This important new study is the first to analyse and synthesise Flodoard's entire output, suggesting that his writings about Rheims, contemporary politics and the Christian past have until now been taken at face value without regard for his own intentions or priorities, and therefore have been misunderstood. Edward Roberts' re-evaluation of the relationship between political participation, historical understanding and authorial individuality casts important new light on the political and cultural history of tenth-century Europe.

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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>AASS</i>	<i>Acta Sanctorum quotquot toto orbe coluntur</i> , ed. J. Bollandus et al. (Antwerp and Brussels, 1634–)
<i>Annales</i>	Flodoard of Rheims, <i>Annales</i> , ed. P. Lauer, <i>Les Annales de Flodoard</i> (Paris, 1905)
<i>BHL</i>	<i>Bibliotheca hagiographica latina</i> (Subsidia hagiographica 6) (Brussels, 1898–1901); <i>Supplementum</i> (Subsidia hagiographica 12) (Brussels, 1911); <i>Novum supplementum</i> (Subsidia hagiographica 70) (Brussels, 1986)
<i>CCCM</i>	<i>Corpus Christianorum, continuatio medievalis</i> (Turnhout, 1966–)
<i>CCSL</i>	<i>Corpus Christianorum, series latina</i> (Turnhout, 1952–)
<i>CSEL</i>	<i>Corpus scriptorum ecclesiasticorum latinorum</i> (Vienna, 1866–)
<i>DA</i>	<i>Deutsches Archiv für Erforschung des Mittelalters</i>
<i>De triumphis</i>	Flodoard of Rheims, <i>De triumphis Christi</i> , ed. J.-P. Migne, <i>PL</i> , CXXXV (Paris, 1853), cols. 491–886
<i>Ant.</i>	<i>De triumphis Christi Antiochiaie gestis</i> , cols. 549–96
<i>Ita.</i>	<i>De triumphis Christi apud Italiam</i> , cols. 595–886
<i>Pal.</i>	<i>De triumphis Christi sanctorumque Palaestinae</i> , cols. 491–550
<i>D(D)</i>	Diploma(s) of
<i>CB</i>	Charles the Bald, <i>Recueil des actes de Charles II le Chauve, roi de France</i> , ed. A. Giry, M. Prou, F. Lot and G. Tessier, 3 vols. (Paris, 1943–55)
<i>CS</i>	Charles the Simple, <i>Recueil des actes de Charles III le Simple, roi de France, 893–923</i> , ed. F. Lot and P. Lauer (Paris, 1949)
<i>L</i>	Lothar, <i>Recueil des actes de Lothaire et de Louis V, rois de France, 954–987</i> , ed. L. Halphen and F. Lot (Paris, 1908)
<i>LIV</i>	Louis IV, <i>Recueil des actes de Louis IV, roi de France, 936–954</i> , ed. P. Lauer (Paris, 1914)

List of Abbreviations

LP	Louis the Pious, <i>Die Urkunden Ludwigs des Frommen</i> , ed. T. Kölzer et al., <i>MGH Diplomata Karolinorum</i> , II, 3 vols. (Wiesbaden, 2016)
OI	Otto I, <i>Die Urkunden Konrad I., Heinrich I. und Otto I.</i> , ed. T. Sickel, <i>MGH Diplomatum regum et imperatorum Germaniae</i> , I (Hanover, 1879–84)
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
EME	<i>Early Medieval Europe</i>
FMS _t	<i>Frühmittelalterliche Studien</i>
HRE	Flodoard of Rheims, <i>Historia Remensis ecclesiae</i> , ed. M. Stratmann, <i>MGH SS</i> , XXXVI (Hanover, 1998)
HZ	<i>Historische Zeitschrift</i>
JEcH	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
JMH	<i>Journal of Medieval History</i>
MGH	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica</i>
AA	<i>Auctores antiquissimi</i> , 15 vols. (Berlin, 1877–1919)
Conc.	<i>Concilia, Legum sectio III</i> , 6 vols. (Hanover, 1893–2014)
Epp.	<i>Epistolae III–VIII</i> (= <i>Epistolae Merovingici et Karolini aevi</i>) (Hanover, 1892–1939)
SRG	<i>Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum separatim editi</i> (Hanover, 1871–)
SRG NS	<i>Scriptores rerum Germanicarum, nova series</i> (Hanover, 1922–)
SRM	<i>Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum</i> , ed. B. Krusch and W. Levison, 7 vols. (Hanover, 1885–1920)
SS	<i>Scriptores in folio</i> (Hanover, 1826–)
NCMH II	R. McKitterick (ed.), <i>The New Cambridge Medieval History</i> , vol. II: c. 700–c. 900 (Cambridge, 1995)
NCMH III	T. Reuter (ed.), <i>The New Cambridge Medieval History</i> , vol. III: c. 900–c. 1024 (Cambridge, 2000)
PL	<i>Patrologiae cursus completus, series Latina</i> , ed. J.-P. Migne, 221 vols. (Paris, 1841–64)
Settimane	<i>Settimane di studio del Centro italiano di studi sull'alto medioevo</i> (Spoleto, 1953–)
TRHS	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>