

# Contents

<i>Introduction</i>	xi
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	xiii
<i>List of abbreviations</i>	xv
<b>I Historiography and methodology</b>	<b>1</b>
1 The historiography of grammar in the early Middle Ages	4
2 Notes on the dating and attribution of anonymous Latin grammars of the early Middle Ages	28
<b>II Cultural transfer: ancient grammar in the British Isles</b>	<b>51</b>
3 Late Latin grammars in the early Middle Ages: a typological history	54
4 Linguistics in the earlier Middle Ages: the Insular and Carolingian grammarians	70
5 The study of Latin grammar in eighth-century Southumbria	91
<b>III Grammar and dialectic: the Carolingian contribution</b>	<b>125</b>
6 The study of grammar under the Carolingians	129
7 Carolingian grammarians and theoretical innovation	154
	ix

iv	<b>Grammarians at work</b>	165
8	An early medieval grammarian on grammar: Wynfreth-Boniface and the <i>Praefatio ad Sigibertum</i>	169
9	Grammars and language change: an eighth-century case	188
10	Ælfric's <i>Excerptiones de arte grammatica anglice</i>	200
11	Learning to read with the <i>oculi mentis</i> : the word-play of Virgilius Maro Grammaticus	224
v	<b>Ideas about language</b>	247
12	From aural to visual: medieval representations of the word	250
13	The terminology of Medieval Latin grammar	260
vi	<b>Bibliography</b>	271
14	Grammar in the early Middle Ages: a bibliography	273
	<i>Index of manuscripts</i>	298
	<i>General index</i>	300