

Contents

PREFACE, xi

1 THE LAND AND THE PEOPLE, 1

The Earliest Inhabitants, 4
The Neolithic Revolution, 6
The Early Bronze Age, 9
Stonehenge, 10
The Late Bronze Age, 14
The Celts, 15
Further Reading, 18

2 ROMAN BRITAIN: 55 B.C.-450 A.D., 19

Hadrian's Wall, 22
The Roman Town, 25
The Countryside, 28
The Collapse of Roman Rule, 31
Further Reading, 33

3 ANGLO-SAXON ENGLAND: 450-1066, 35

The Conquest of Britain, 35
The Creation of the English Monarchy, 43
Alfred the Great and his Successors, 46
Anglo-Saxon Government, 49
Open Fields and Royal Boroughs, 54
The Structure of Society, 52

Monasticism and Learning, 61
The Survival of the English Monarchy, 67
Further Reading, 69

4 NORMAN ENGLAND, 70

The Conquest of England, 72
Feudalism, 77
Domesday Book and the Manors of England, 80
The Norman Church, 83
The Machinery of Government, 87
Tyranny and Anarchy, 90
Further Reading, 94

5 THE ANGEVINS, 96

The New Agriculture, 96
Wool, Trade, and Towns, 100
The Twelfth-Century Renaissance, 104
The English Common Law, 106
Henry II and the Church, 110
The Angevin Empire, 113
Wales, Ireland, and Scotland, 115
Richard I and King John, 118
Magna Carta, 122
Further Reading, 125

6 THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY: 1216-1307, 126

Barons and Knights, 126
Manor and Village, 130
Town and Guild, 134
Bishops, Priests, and Friars, 138
The Cathedral, 140
The University, 146
Henry III and the Provisions of Oxford, 148
Edward I and Statute Law, 151
Wales, Gascony, and Scotland, 153
The Origins of Parliament, 157
Further Reading, 159

7 WAR AND CRISIS: 1307-1399, 160

Edward II and the Barons, 161
Edward III and the Hundred Years' War, 164

The Evolution of Parliament, 169
The Transformation of the Manor, 173
The Peasants' Revolt, 175
John Wyclif and Lollardy, 177
The Emergence of an English Nationality, 180
Richard II and the Defeat of Absolutism, 183
Further Reading, 187

8 LANCASTER AND YORK: 1399-1485, 189

Henry IV and the Foundations of Lancastrian Rule, 190
Henry V and the War in France, 192
Henry VI and the Decline of the Monarchy, 195
The Wars of the Roses, 198
Edward IV and the Restoration of Royal Power, 202
Depression and Economic Change, 204
Late Medieval Culture, 207
Richard III and the Fall of the House of York, 211
Further Reading, 213

9 THE REIGN OF HENRY VII: 1485-1509, 214

Engrossment and Enclosure, 217
Industry: Urban and Rural, 220
Commerce: Foreign and Domestic, 223
The Consolidation of Power, 225
The Revival of Royal Power, 229
The New Learning, 232
Medieval and Modern, 235
Further Reading, 236

10 WAR AND REFORMATION: 1509-1547, 237

War and Diplomacy, 239
The Divorce, 243
Parliament and the Break with Rome, 246
Resistance and Rebellion, 250
The Dissolution of the Monasteries, 252
The Tudor Revolution in Government, 255
Scotland and France, 258
The Growth of Protestantism, 261
Further Reading, 266

11 PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC: 1547-1557, 267

Somerset and Reform, 268
Kett's Rebellion, 270
The Economic Crisis of 1551, 273
The Ascendancy of Northumberland, 275
The Accession of Queen Mary, 278
The Return to Rome, 281
The Spanish Connection, 283
Further Reading, 284

12 ELIZABETHAN ENGLAND: 1558-1603, 286

Elizabeth and the Church, 286
Elizabeth and Scotland, 289
The Catholic Threat, 291
The Puritan Threat, 293
Economic Recovery, 295
The Voyages of Discovery, 297
The War Against Spain, 301
Elizabeth and the Government of England, 304
The Rise of the Gentry, 306
Yeomen and Husbandmen, 310
Beggars and Vagabonds, 311
The Ascendancy of London, 313
The Elizabethan World Picture, 316
Postlude, 320
Further Reading, 323

13 EARLY STUART ENGLAND: 1603-1640, 325

The Accession of James I, 326
James and the Law, 329
Government by Court Favorites, 331
Charles I and the Arts, 334
Charles I and Parliament, 337
The Eleven Years of Prerogative Government, 341
Economic Depression, 343
The Expansion of England, 346
Further Reading, 349

14 THE ENGLISH REVOLUTION: 1640-1660, 351

The Causes of the English Revolution, 352
The Failure of Reform, 355
Roundheads and Cavaliers, 359
The Rise of Independency, 362
The Commonwealth, 365
The Triumph of Property, 367
Overseas Expansion, 369
The Search for Consent, 373
The Restoration, 378
Further Reading, 380

15 RESTORATION AND REVOLUTION: 1660-1689, 381

The Scientific Revolution, 382
Causes and Consequences, 386
Restoration Society, 389
Rural Society, 393
The Restoration Settlement, 395
The Failure of the Restoration Settlement, 397
The Reign of James II, 401
The Glorious Revolution, 403
The Revolutionary Settlement, 406
Further Reading, 408

16 WAR AND SOCIETY, 409

The War of the League of Augsburg, 410
The Financial Revolution, 412
The Politics of War and Peace, 414
The War of the Spanish Succession, 416
The Politics of Victory, 419
The New World of Trade, 421
The Social Pyramid, 424
The Augustan Age, 427
The First Historical Revolution, 429
Ancients and Moderns, 433
The Act of Union with Scotland, 435
The Treaty of Utrecht, 437
The Hanoverian Succession, 439
Further Reading, 440