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Kingship and Unity

Were the English and the Scots always at loggerheads in the fourteenth century? The essays here offer a more nuanced picture.

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This Palgrave Pivot explores the representation of sea kings, sinners, and saints in the mid-thirteenth century Chronicles of the Kings of Man and the Isles, the single most important text for the history of the kingdoms of Man and the Isles, c.1066-1300. The focus of the Chronicles on the power struggles, plots and intrigues within the ruling dynasties of Man and the Isles offers an impressive array of heroes and villains. The depiction of the activities of heroic sea kings like Godred Crovan, tyrannical usurpers like Harald son of Godred Don, and their concubines and wives, as well as local heroes like Saint Maughold, raises important questions concerning the dynamic interactions of power, gender and historical writing in the medieval Kingdoms of Man and the Isles, and provide new insights into the significance of the text that is our most important source of information on these 'Forgotten Kingdoms' of the medieval British Isles.

The First English Empire

This new paperback edition brings together the latest thoughts on the development of the medieval Scottish kingdom. Thirteen contributors explore the central themes in medieval Scottish history - the interplay between Celtic and feudal influences; crown-magnate relations; local and national relations; and the political definition of the kingdom.
Scottish Independence and the Idea of Britain

McDonald brings together contributions from scholars working in different disciplines but with a common interest in this history and society of Scotland between AD 700 and AD 1560.

Scotland

A one-volume political and ecclesiastical history of Scotland from the eleventh century to the Reformation.

Western Warfare in the Age of the Crusades, 1000-1300

In 1095 the First Crusade was launched, establishing a great military endeavour which was a central preoccupation of Europeans until the end of the thirteenth century. In Western warfare in the age of the Crusades, 1000-1300 John France offers a wide-ranging and challenging survey of war and warfare and its place in the development of European Society, culture and economy in the period of the Crusades. Placing the crusades in a wider context, this book brings together the wealth of recent scholarly research on such issues as knighthood, siege warfare, chivalry and fortifications into an accessible form. Western warfare in the age of the Crusades, 1000-1300 examines the nature of war in the period 1000-1300 and argues that it was primarily shaped by the people who conducted war - the landowners. John France illuminates the role of property concerns in producing the characteristic instruments of war: the castle and the knight. This authoritative study details the way in which war was fought and the reasons for it as well as reflecting on the society which produced the crusades.

Kings, Usurpers, and Concubines in the 'Chronicles of the Kings of Man and the Isles'

The work of leading authorities on Scottish history is brought together in this accurate and sophisticated portrait of Scotland from Roman times to the present day.

Illegitimacy in Medieval Scotland, 1100-1500

A comprehensive illustrated history of the kings and queens of Scotland from the earliest Scots and Pictish kings to the Union of Parliaments in 1707.

Scotland

This volume centres upon the era conventionally labelled the 'Making of the kingdom', or the 'Anglo-Norman' era in Scottish history. It seeks a balance between traditional historiographical concentration on the 'feudalisation' of Scottish society as part of the wholesale importation of alien cultural traditions by a 'modernising' monarchy and more recent emphasis on the continuing vitality and centrality of Gaelic culture and traditions within the twelfth- and early thirteenth-century kingdom. Part I explores the transition from the Gaelic kingship of Alba into the hybridised medieval state and traces Scotland's role as both dominated and dominator. It examines the redefinition of relationships with England, Gaelic magnates within Scotland's traditional territorial heartland and with autonomous/independent mainland and insular powers. These interrelationships form the central theme of an exploration of the struggle for political domination of the northern mainland of Britain and the adjacent islands, the mechanisms through which that domination was projected and expressed, and the manner of its expression. Part II is a thematic exploration of central aspects of the society and culture of late eleventh- to early thirteenth-century Scotland which gave character and substance to the emerging kingdom. It considers the evolutionary growth of Scottish economic structures, changes in the management of land-based resources, and the manner in which secular power and authority were acquired and exercised. These themes are developed in discussions of the emergence of urban communities and...
in the creation of a new noble class in the twelfth century. Religion is examined both in
terms of the development of the Church as an institution and through the religious
experience of the lay population.

The New History of Scotland

An Edinburgh Classic edition to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the Battle of
Bannockburn in 1314

Kingship and Unity

The future of the United Kingdom is an increasingly vexed question. This book traces
the roots of the issue to the middle ages, when English power and control came to
extend to the whole of the British Isles. By 1300 it looked as if Edward I was in control of
virtually the whole of the British Isles. Ireland, Scotland, and Wales had, in different
degrees, been subjugated to his authority; contemporaries were even comparing him
with King Arthur. This was the culmination of a remarkable English advance into the
outer zones of the British Isles in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. The advance was
not only a matter of military power, political control, and governmental and legal
institutions; it also involved extensive colonization and the absorption of these outer
zones into the economic and cultural orbit of an England-dominated world. What
remained to be seen was how stable (especially in Scotland and Ireland) was this
English ‘empire’; how far the northern and western parts of the British Isles could be
absorbed into an English-centred polity and society; and to what extent did the early
and self-confident development of English identity determine the relationships between
England and the rest of the British Isles. The answers to those questions would be
shaped by the past of the country that was England; the answers would also cast their
shadow over the future of the British Isles for centuries to come.

The Kings & Queens of Scotland

Here is the whole of recorded British royal history, from the legendary King Alfred the
Great onwards, including the monarchies of England, Scotland, Wales and the United
Kingdom for over a thousand years. Fascinating portraits are expertly woven into a
history of division and eventual union of the British Isles - even royals we think most
familiar are revealed in a new and sometimes surprising light. This revised and
shortened edition of The Mammoth Book of British Kings & Queens includes biographies
of the royals of recorded British history, plus an overview of the semi-legendary figures
of pre-history and the Dark Ages - an accessible source for students and general
readers.

History, Literature, and Music in Scotland, 700-1560

Edward of Caernarfon is best known today for his disastrous military defeat in 1314 at
Bannockburn, where his English army was defeated by a vastly inferior Scottish force
led by Robert the Bruce, leading to Scottish Independence. This catastrophe was one of
many in a disastrous career marked by indolence, vengefulness, vacillation in
relationships with France, deranged policies at home, and constitutional wrangling,
ultimately brought to an end by a minor insurgency led by his vindictive wife and her
paramour, a disaffected baron.

Magna Carta and the England of King John

Though England was the emerging super-state in the medieval British Isles, its story is
not the only one Britain can offer; there is a wider context of Britain in Europe, and the
story of this period is one of how European Latin and French culture and ideals
colonised the minds of all the British peoples. This engaging and accessible introduction
offers a truly integrated perspective of medieval British history, emphasising elements
of medieval life over political narrative, and offering an up-to-date presentation and
summary of medieval historiography. Featuring figures, maps, a glossary of key terms, a chronology of rulers, timelines and annotated suggestions for further reading and key texts, this textbook is an essential resource for undergraduate courses on medieval Britain. Supplementary online resources include additional further reading suggestions, useful links and primary sources.

Kinship and Clientage

The Reader's Guide to British History is the essential source to secondary material on British history. This resource contains over 1,000 A-Z entries on the history of Britain, from ancient and Roman Britain to the present day. Each entry lists 6-12 of the best-known books on the subject, then discusses those works in an essay of 800 to 1,000 words prepared by an expert in the field. The essays provide advice on the range and depth of coverage as well as the emphasis and point of view espoused in each publication.

Medieval Britain, c.1000-1500

Essays exploring childhood and youth in Scotland before the nineteenth century.

King Edward II

First published in 2002. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

A Companion to the Early Middle Ages

This ambitious book, newly available in paperback, examines the encounter between Gaels and Europeans in Scotland in the central Middle Ages, offering new insights into an important period in the formation of the Scots' national identity. It is based on a close reading of the texts of several thousand charters, indentures, briefes and other written sources that record the business conducted in royal and baronial courts across the length and breadth of the medieval kingdom between 1150 and 1400. Under the broad themes of land, law and people, this book explores how the customs, laws and traditions of the native inhabitants and those of incoming settlers interacted and influenced each other. Drawing on a range of theoretical and methodological approaches, the author places her subject matter firmly within the recent historiography of the British Isles and demonstrates how the experience of Scotland was both similar to, and a distinct manifestation of, a wider process of Europeanisation.

Acts of Alexander III King of Scots 1249 -1286

James Campbell's work has established the impressive powers of the Anglo-Saxon state, with its ability to impose laws, raise revenue, undertake major works and consult the interests and wishes of its subjects. This collection of essays looks at the state and its successors from a number of angles.

Domination and Lordship

New interpretations of the effect of Magna Carta and other aspects of the reign of King John.

The History of Scotland

Drawing on 28 original essays, A Companion to the Early Middle Ages takes an inclusive approach to the history of Britain and Ireland from c.500 to c.1100 to overcome artificial distinctions of modern national boundaries. A collaborative history from leading scholars, covering the key debates and issues Survey the building blocks of political society, and considers whether there were fundamental differences across Britain and
Ireland Considers potential factors for change, including the economy, Christianisation, and the Vikings

Medieval Scotland

The volume brings together 330 documents from the reign of King Alexander III of Scotland, a key period in the history of the medieval kingdom, in one scholarly and accessible edition.

Children and Youth in Premodern Scotland

The Historical Dictionary of the British Monarchy provides a chronology starting with the year 495 and continuing to the present day, an introductory essay, an extensive bibliography, and over 600 cross-referenced dictionary entries on significant persons, places, events, institutions, and other aspects of British culture, society, economy, and politics. This book is a must for anyone interested in the British monarchy.

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Robert Bruce and the Community of the Realm of Scotland

Margaret, saint and 11th-century Queen of the Scots, remains an often-cited yet little-understood historical figure. Keene's analysis of sources in terms of both time and place - including her Life of Saint Margaret, translated for the first time - allows for an informed understanding of the forces that shaped this captivating woman.

Why Scottish History Matters

This study of clan society in the central and eastern Highlands during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries offers new insights into the nature of clanship and local society as well as its interaction with regional and national politics.

Land Law and People in Medieval Scotland

A stunning overview of the medieval landscape of Scotland. This is a history of the forging of the Scottish kingdom during the first three centuries of the second millennium. In AD 1000 the Scottish kings had embarked on the annexation of English-speaking Lothian and of Cumbric-speaking Clydesdale, Ayrshire and Dumfriesshire. The country's enlargement continued under a line of remarkably able kings with the inclusion first of the highlands and then, after the defeat of the Norwegians in 1263, of the islands of the Inner and Outer Hebrides. How Scotland's landscape influenced its people and conditioned its outlook on the world is a theme running throughout the book. Geoffrey Barrow describes the evolution of Scottish kingship and government during the period, in the process examining the character of Scottish feudalism and the manner of its imposition. He discusses the social, economic and political changes of the period, with separate chapters on the expansion of towns and trade, the role of the church, and advances in education and learning. A sense of national identity had, he argues, become sufficiently strong by the end of the thirteenth century for the country to survive humiliation by Edward I and to reunite under Robert Bruce. With Bruce's coronation as Robert I in 1306 this richly detailed and readable account of Scotland's
formative period comes to an end. Since its first edition in 1981, this revised edition in The New History of Scotland series, as indicated in the preface by the series editor Jenny Wormald, can now rightly take its place amongst the classics of Scottish history.

Key features: Long seen as a key text for students of medieval Scotland. Written by a respected and renowned historian. Readable, cinematic in scope, colourful and scholarly at the same time.

A Brief History of British Kings & Queens

Presenting the image of Poland created in Germany in the earliest period of existence of the Piast state (963-1034) this book identifies its context and describes the political and cultural relation between the Polish rulers and German élites of that time.

Medieval Scotland

Extensively revised for this edition, these essays combine to build a picture of Scottish history from the time of the Picts and the Britons, through the Wars of Independence, the Reformation and the time of the Covenanters, to the Union of the Parliaments in 1707 and the impact of industrialization on Victorian Scotland.

The Birth of a Stereotype

Christopher Harvie, one of Scotland’s leading historians and political writers, takes a long view of Scotland: its land, people, and culture. Scotland: A History sweeps from the earliest settlements to the new Parliament of 1999 and beyond. It describes the unique multi-ethnic kingdom which emerged from the Dark Ages, the small, proud nation manoeuvring among the great powers of medieval Europe, and the radical reformation which forced a compromise with its mighty southern neighbour. Harvie follows Scotland’s tense partnership with England for over 400 years, through dual monarchy and union, enlightenment and empire, industrialization and de-industrialization. First published over a decade ago, this new edition has been extended - at both ends - to include recent discoveries about Scotland’s early pre-historic settlements, through to a new final chapter covering the history, politics, and economics of the country under the Holyrood Parliament - and the background to the controversy over the Independence Referendum of 2014.

Reader's Guide to British History

First full-length examination of bastardy in Scotland during the period, exploring its many ramifications throughout society.

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This is a full-scale study of prices in medieval Scotland, c. 1260-1542, which includes detailed discussions of coinage, and weights and measures. Nearly 6000 prices are listed individually, average prices are calculated for each commodity, and for groups of commodities such as cereals and livestock. Scots prices are compared with English, and the significance of the data for the economic history of medieval Scotland is analyzed fully. This is the only full study to have been undertaken on Scots medieval prices, and there is no comparable work on Scottish medieval economic history in print.

History of the Scottish Parliament

This nine-essay volume provides the first full-length, detailed exploration of the kingdom of Scotland during the reign of Alexander II (1214-49), and the most extensive analysis of this key state-builder and his policies.

Saint Margaret, Queen of the Scots

Changing Values in Medieval Scotland

This is the third volume in The History of the Scottish Parliament. In volumes 1 and 2 the contributors addressed discrete episodes in political history from the early thirteenth century through to 1707, demonstrating the richness of the sources for such historical writing and the importance of parliament to that history. In Volume 3 the contributors have built on that foundation and taken advantage of the Records of the Parliaments of Scotland to discuss a comprehensive range of key themes in the development of parliament. The editors, Keith M. Brown and Alan R. MacDonald, have assembled a team of established and younger scholars who each discuss a theme that ranges over the entire six centuries of the parliament's existence. These include broad, interpretive chapters on each of the key political constituencies represented in parliament. Thus Roland Tanner and Gillian Macintosh write on parliament and the crown, Roland Tanner and Kirsty McAlister discuss parliament and the church, Keith Brown addresses parliament and the nobility and Alan MacDonald examines parliament and the burghs. Cross-cutting themes are also analysed. The political culture of parliament is the subject of a chapter by Julian Goodare, while parliament and the law, political ideas and social control are dealt with in turn by Mark Godfrey, James Burns and Alastair Mann. Finally, parliament's own procedures are also discussed by Alastair Mann. The History of the Scottish Parliament: Parliament in Context offers the most comprehensive and up-to-date account of the workings and significance of this important institution to the history of late medieval and early modern Scotland.

The Middle Ages

This book offers a fresh perspective on the question of Scotland's relationship with Britain. It challenges the standard concept of the Scots as an ancient nation whose British identity only emerged in the early modern era.

England and Scotland in the Fourteenth Century

A new analysis of mind/body unity, based on the philosophy of Spinoza
Evolution of Scotland's Towns

The Mighty Warrior Kings traces the history of early Europe through the biographies of nine kings, who had the courage, determination and martial might to establish their dominance over the fragmented remnants of the Roman Empire. The book begins with Charlemagne, who united large regions of current-day France, Germany and Italy into the Holy Roman Empire and ends with Robert the Bruce, who gallantry defended Scotland against the attempted usurpation of England. There are many famous warrior kings in the book, including Alfred the Great of Wessex, whose victories over the Vikings led to the unification of England under a single ruler, William I of Normandy, whose triumph at Hastings in 1066 changed the course of English history, while Frederick I Barbarossa led his army to victory in Germany and Italy solidifying and expanding the lands under the suzerainty of the Holy Roman Emperor. Among the lesser known monarchs discussed in the work are Cnut, whose victory at the battle of Ashingdon won the English crown and resulted in the creation of the North Sea Empire, which ruled over the kingdoms of England, Denmark and Norway, while during the reign of Louis IX of France the knights of Europe answered his call for the Seven Crusade to expel the Muslims from the Holy City of Jerusalem. From Charlemagne to Robert the Bruce, the warrior kings created a new Europe with a centralized power base and set the stage for the following Age of Absolutism.

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