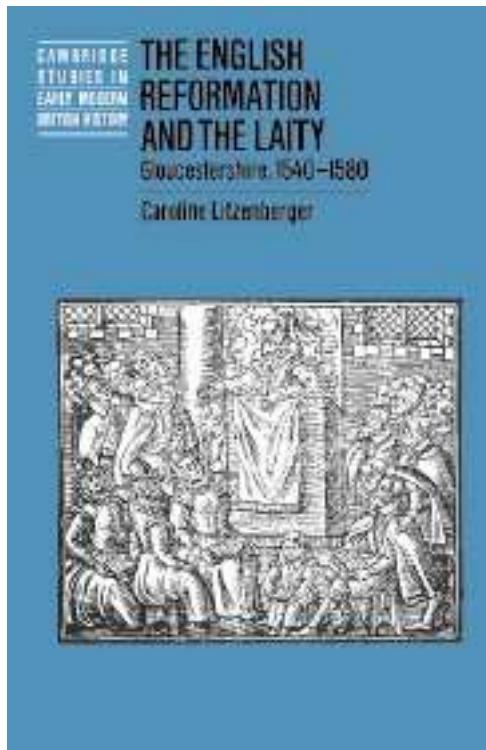


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his book examines the effects of the English Reformation on the full spectrum of lay religion from 1540 to 1580 through an investigation of individuals and parishes in Gloucestershire. Rather than focusing on either the acceptance of Protestantism or the demise of the traditional Catholic religion, as other historians have done, it considers all shades of belief against the backdrop of shifting official religious policy. The result is the story of responses ranging from stiff resistance to eager acceptance, creating a picture of the religion of the laity which is diverse and complex, but also layered as parishes and individuals expressed their faith in ways which reflected the institutional

or personal nature of their piety. Finally, while the book focuses on Gloucestershire, it reveals broad patterns of beliefs and practices which could probably be found all over England.

Reviews:

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"This important new book studies the impact of the various Henrician, Edwardian, Marian, and Elizabethan religious settlements on parish life in Gloucestershire." Roger B. Manning

"...a meticulous study that centers on a quantitatively sophisticated sampling of Gloucestershire wills from the period. Litzenberger has made a substantial contribution to the history of the English Reformation by demonstrating the status of lay belief in Gloucestershire through the second decade of Elizabeth's reign. Her book is also valuable as a model of what can be done in a local study and how polarized debate can be moderated. It invites other scholars to follow suit." Martha C. Skeeters, American Historical Review

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