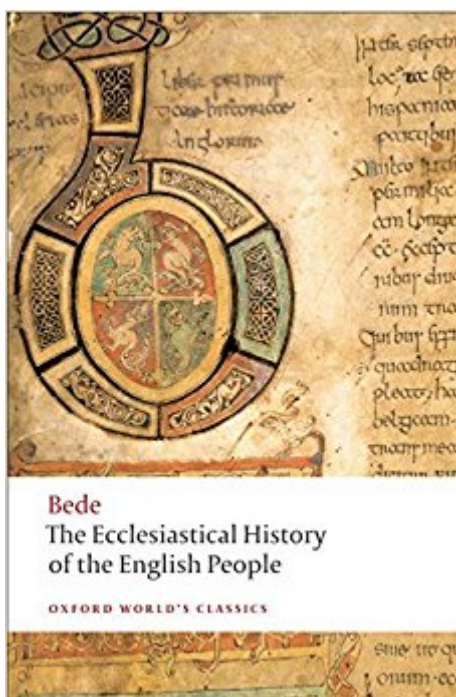


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Great book. Earliest history of the English Church that we really have. Goes all over the place and contains various primary documents.

The Venerable Bede is a "must have" book for anyone who aspires to know the history of the early English people. Monk, student, ardent believer and keen observer of his world, Bede speaks to us from an era that would otherwise be essentially dark. The Anglo-Saxon world kept nothing in writing. Centuries go by in which the scholar is forced to depend on archaeology and intuition to deduce truth. Venerable Bede is a sharp point of light for those who would know the era. Writing in roughly 731, at about sixty years of age, he takes a scatter gun approach to the world around him. Each of his chapters is short, matter of fact, and unblinking. Is he omniscient? No. But he can be depended upon to tell the truth as he sees it. His core theme is Christianity as the unifying force of Britain, and he never misses a chance to show us a miracle or explain a conversion or applaud the good works of a monarch. Through it all he is unselfconsciously giving us the history of a people, his people, and speaking to us from an era that defines the term "Dark Ages." This is a work along the lines of Gregory of Tours History of the Franks. It is, as I've said, an essential piece of reading for all who would know the era.

Wonderful translation of St. Bede's recounting of English history up to his time (mid 600s AD)Some extraneous information that meant nothing to me not being familiar with English geography but still informative narrative.

Intriguing. A history written in the dark ages about the dark ages.

I read this book in small bites. I love English history and Church history, so of course, it's only natural that I would be interested in the history of the Church in England. You'll also find great info on the ancient kings of England, political and spiritual battles, and how the Church took a foothold in the British Isles.

History at its best from one of the ancient greats

Thanks.

Awesome reference work. Some works of history are all we have today to use as puzzle pieces of what went on in the past and, of course, Bede is always there as a possible piece. We have to rely on these works because they were there in the past as "eye witnesses". A library must have.

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