

## Contents

List of Illustrations	vii
Contributors	viii
Abbreviations	ix
Preface	xi
Introduction: Concepts, Origins, Transformations <i>Anne J. Duggan</i>	1

### I. Early Middle Ages

1. The Origins of the Nobility in Francia <i>Paul Fouracre</i>	17
2. The Nearly Men: Boso of Vienne and Arnulf of Bavaria <i>Stuart Airlie</i>	25
3. Nobility in the Ninth Century <i>Janet L. Nelson</i>	43
4. Continuity and Change in the Tenth-Century Nobility <i>Régine Le Jan</i>	53
5. The Old English Vocabulary of Nobility <i>Jane Roberts</i>	69
6. Nobles and Others: The Social and Cultural Expression of Power Relations in the Middle Ages <i>Timothy Reuter</i>	85

### II. Central Middle Ages

7. Princely Nobility in an Age of Ambition (c. 1050–1150) <i>T. N. Bisson</i>	101
8. Words, Concepts, and Phenomena: Knighthood, Lordship, and the Early Polish Nobility, c. 1100 – c. 1350 <i>Piotr Górecki</i>	115
9. Nobles and Nobility in the Narrative Works of Hartmann von Aue <i>Martin H. Jones</i>	157

10. A Noble in Politics: Roger Mortimer in the Period of Baronial Reform and Rebellion, 1258–1265 183  
*D. A. Carpenter*
11. King Magnus and his Liegemen's 'Hirdskrå': A Portrait of the Norwegian Nobility in the 1270s 205  
*Steinar Imsen*
- III. Late Middle Ages
12. The Nobility of Medieval Portugal (XIth–XIVth Centuries) 223  
*Maria João Violante Branco*
13. Noblewomen, Family, and Identity in Later Medieval Europe 246  
*Jennifer C. Ward*
14. The Western Nobility in the Late Middle Ages: A Survey of the Historiography and some Prospects for New Research 263  
*Martin Aurell*
- Index 275