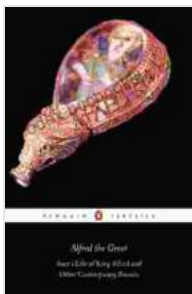


The Asser Life of King Alfred and Other Contemporary Sources Classics: Unveil the Epic Saga of a Legendary Monarch

In the tapestry of English history, few figures loom as large as King Alfred the Great. His reign, spanning from 871 to 899 AD, marked a pivotal era in the shaping of England as a nation. The Asser Life of King Alfred and Other Contemporary Sources Classics provides an invaluable window into the life and times of this extraordinary monarch, offering a captivating narrative that brings the past to life.



Alfred the Great: Asser's Life of King Alfred and Other Contemporary Sources (Classics) by Helen Epstein

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A Tapestry of Testimonies

This meticulously curated collection comprises a diverse array of sources that weave together a vibrant portrait of King Alfred. Among the most notable is the Asser Life of King Alfred, penned by Asser, a Welsh monk who served as Alfred's chaplain and biographer. Asser's firsthand account

offers an intimate glimpse into Alfred's character, his military prowess, and his unwavering dedication to his people.

Complementing Asser's biography are a wealth of other contemporary sources, including:

- The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, a collection of historical records that chronicle the events of Alfred's reign
- The Parker Chronicle, another historical record that provides valuable insights into the political and military landscape of the period
- The Annals of St. Neots, monastic records that shed light on Alfred's religious reforms and cultural endeavors

li>Letters and charters issued by Alfred himself, offering direct evidence of his governance and administrative policies

The Making of a King

Born in 849 AD, Alfred was the youngest son of King Aethelwulf of Wessex. His early life was marked by the tumultuous Viking invasions that ravaged England. Despite these challenges, Alfred emerged as a skilled warrior and a wise counsel

Upon his accession to the throne in 871 AD, Alfred faced a formidable task. Wessex, the heart of Anglo-Saxon England, was under constant threat from the Vikings. With unwavering determination, Alfred rallied his forces and fought valiantly against the invaders. In 878 AD, at the Battle of Edington, Alfred's army delivered a decisive victory, turning the tide of the Viking Wars.

A Reign of Reform

Beyond his military triumphs, Alfred was also a visionary reformer. He introduced sweeping changes to the legal, educational, and cultural landscape of England. His legal reforms, known as the "Law Code of Alfred," established a system of justice that aimed to protect the weak and vulnerable.

Alfred's passion for education was equally profound. He established schools and encouraged the translation of classical works into Old English. Under his patronage, scholars such as Asser and John Scotus Erigena flourished, contributing to a cultural revival that set the stage for England's future intellectual achievements.

The Legacy of a King

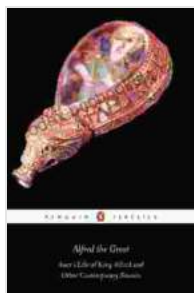
King Alfred's reign left an enduring mark on English history. He is remembered as a warrior, a reformer, and a patron of learning. His legacy continues to inspire generations, serving as a testament to the transformative power of leadership and the indomitable spirit of the human soul.

The Asser Life of King Alfred and Other Contemporary Sources Classics is an essential resource for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of this pivotal era in English history. Through the vivid accounts of Asser and other contemporary witnesses, we gain an unparalleled glimpse into the life of a legendary monarch whose vision and determination shaped the destiny of a nation.

Call to Action

Embark on a journey through time with The Asser Life of King Alfred and Other Contemporary Sources Classics. This captivating collection offers a unique opportunity to explore the life and legacy of a truly extraordinary figure. Immerse yourself in the epic saga of King Alfred the Great, a monarch whose wisdom, courage, and unwavering belief in his people continue to resonate across the centuries.

Free Download your copy today and delve into the fascinating world of Anglo-Saxon England, a time of turmoil and triumph that forever shaped the course of English history.



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