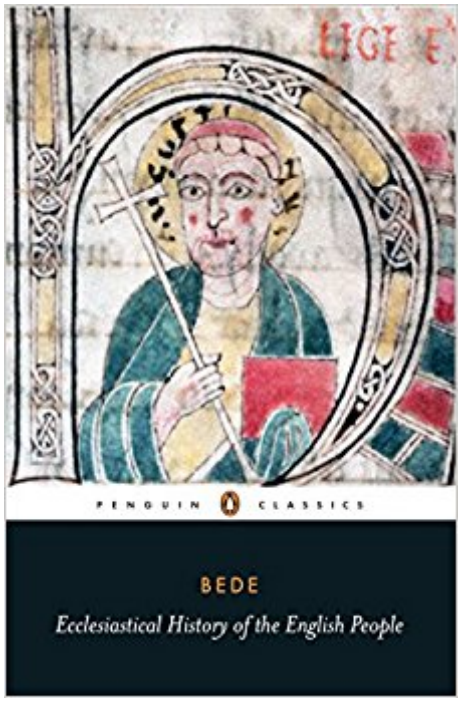
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’With God’s help, I, Bede ... have assembled these facts about the history of the Church in Britain ... from the traditions of our forebears, and from my own personal knowledge’Written in AD 731, Bede’sÃ Â Ecclesiastical History of the English PeopleÃ Â is the first account of Anglo-Saxon England ever written, and remains our single most valuable source for this period. It begins with Julius Caesar’s invasion in the first century BC and goes on to tell of the kings and bishops, monks and nuns who helped to develop government and convert the people to Christianity during these crucial formative years. Relating the deeds of great men and women but also describing landscape, customs and ordinary lives, this is a rich, vivid portrait of an emerging church and nation by the ’Father of English History’.Leo Sherley-Price’s translation from the Latin brings us an accurate and readable version of Bede’s History. This edition includesÃ Â Bede’s Letter to Egbert, denouncing false monasteries; andÃ Â The Death of Bede, an admirable eye-witness account by Cuthbert, monk and later Abbot of Jarrow, both translated by D. H. Farmer.For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700Ã Â titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust theÃ Â series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-dateÃ Â translations by award-winning translators.

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His Letter to Egbert gives his final reflections on the English Church just before his death, and all three texts here are further illuminated by a detailed introduction and explanatory notes.

Bede (c. 672 or 673 Ã¢â ¬â œ May 25, 735), was a Benedictine monk at the Northumbrian monastery of Saint Peter at Monkwearmouth, today part of Sunderland, and of its companion monastery, Saint Paul's, in modern Jarrow (see Wearmouth-Jarrow), both in the English county of Durham (now Tyne and Wear). He is well known as an author and scholar, and his most famous work, Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum (The Ecclesiastical History of the English People) gained him the title "The father of English history". D.H. Farmer was Reader in History at Reading University until 1988. He is author and editor of several books on ecclesiastical and monastic history such as The Oxford Dictionary of Saints.

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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