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READING LIST

Course Title: Oliver Cromwell and Kingless Britain
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 28 May 2026 to 25 Jun 2026
Tutor: Charlotte Parsonson-Young

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Horspool, David	<i>Oliver Cromwell: England's Protector</i>
Worden, Blair	<i>The English Civil Wars, 1640-1660</i>

Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
Ashley, Maurice	<i>Financial and commercial policy under the Cromwellian protectorate</i>
Ashley, Maurice	<i>Oliver Cromwell and his World</i>
Coward, Barry	<i>The Cromwellian protectorate</i>

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- Fitzgibbons, Jonathan *Hereditary Succession and the Cromwellian Protectorate: The Offer of the Crown Reconsidered (The English Historical Review, OCTOBER 2013, Vol. 128, No. 534 (OCTOBER 2013), pp. 1095-1128)*
- Fitzgibbons, Jonathan *Oliver Cromwell, Regicide and Kingship, 1647–1658 (Cromwelliana, 2018, pp. 13-29)*
- Fitzgibbons, Jonathan *PODCAST: Oliver Cromwell's Protectorate - A Genuine Revolution or a drift back to Traditional Government? (<https://www.worldturnedupsidedown.co.uk/podcast/oliver-cromwells-protectorate-a-genuine-revolution-or-a-drift-back-to-traditional-government/>)*
- Goldsmith, John *Collecting Cromwell: how Cromwell and the civil wars have been interpreted in museums and galleries (Cromwelliana, 2017, pp. 12-28)*
- Hughes, Ann *'The public profession of the nation': Religious Liberty and the English Church under Oliver Cromwell (Cromwelliana, 2016, pp. 14-26)*
- Hunt, Alice *Republic: Britain's Revolutionary Decade, 1649-1660*
- Hutton, Ronald *Oliver Cromwell: Commander in Chief*
- Hutton, Ronald *The Making of Oliver Cromwell*
- Little, Patrick *Farmer Oliver? The Cultivation of Cromwell's Image during the Protectorate (Cromwelliana, 2012, pp. 18-31)*
- Mills, Jane A *Cromwell's Legacy*
- Morrill, John (Ed) *The Letters, Writings, and Speeches of Oliver Cromwell*
- Murphy, Elaine *PODCAST: Cromwell's Navy: The Civil Wars at Sea (<https://www.worldturnedupsidedown.co.uk/podcast/cromwells-navy-the-civil-wars-at-sea/>)*
- Peacey, Jason *Cromwellian England: A Propaganda State? (History, Vol. 91, No. 2 (302) (APRIL 2006), pp. 176-199)*
- Reece, Henry *PODCAST: The Last Days of the Republic - The Fall of Richard Cromwell (<https://www.worldturnedupsidedown.co.uk/podcast/the-last-days-of-the-republic-the-fall-of-richard-cromwell-part-1/>)*
- Reece, Henry *The Fall: Last Days of the English Republic*
- Roberts, Keith *Cromwell's War Machine: The New Model Army, 1645-1660*

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Sharp, Andrew *Political ideas of the English civil wars 1641-1649*

Smith, David L *Oliver Cromwell and Parliamentary Government, 1649–1658*
(Cromwelliana, 2018, pp. 30-42)

Smith, David L (Ed) *Cromwell and the Interregnum: The Essential Readings*

Worden, Blair *God's Instruments: Political Conduct in the England of Oliver*
Cromwell