Early Medieval Ireland and Britain
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General Studies


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Koch, John and John Carey, *The Celtic Heroic Age*
Raftery, Barry, *Pagan Celtic Ireland*
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Dumville, David N. *Histories and Pseudo-histories of the Insular Middle Ages* (1990)
Findon, Diane, *A Woman’s Words*.
Mac Cana, Proinsias, *Celtic Mythology* (1986 repr.)
McCone, Kim, *Pagan Past and Christian Present in Early Ireland*.
Nagy, Joseph F., *Conversing with Angels and Ancients*.

**Geography/Ethnicity/Identity**

Edwards, Nancy, *The Archaeology of Early Medieval Ireland*.
Evans, E. E. *The Personality of Ireland*.
Reuter, Timothy. 'The Making of England and Germany, 850-1050: Points of Comparison

**PRIMARY SOURCES**
to be familiar with:
Charters, wills, laws, canons, conciliar decrees; chronicles, major saint’s lives; Bede; penitentials; Asser; letters to/from Boniface; Beowulf; Battle of Maldon and misc. Anglo-Saxon poetry; Irish poetry; saga literature and king-tales; genealogies; Cogadh Gaedhil re Gallaibh; Encomium Emmae; Haraldsaga; maps of kingdoms, location of major ecclesiastical sites; major artifacts and famous manuscripts.

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