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Henry VIII remains the most iconic, controversial and enigmatic of all English Kings. For over four-hundred years he has been lauded, reviled and mocked, but rarely ignored. In this collection, Henry's historical reputation is systematically examined, charting the various ways it has been manipulated and presented since the sixteenth century, constantly being reinvented at different times to reflect the cultural, political and religious needs of the moment.
