

# Contents

|  |     |
|--|-----|
| Acknowledgements                                   | vii |
| Introduction                                       | i   |
| CHAPTER 1  |     |
| The Idea of England                                | 11  |
| Englishness as Absence                             | 12  |
| Nationalism as the Legitimation of Sovereignty     | 19  |
| England, Britain and Empire                        | 27  |
| England and Sovereignty                            | 36  |
| Conclusion   | 41  |
| CHAPTER 2  |     |
| The Idea of Europe                                 | 43  |
| War, Nationalism and European Unity                | 44  |
| ‘Post-war’   | 47  |
| Legitimising the European Union                    | 58  |
| The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Treaty of Rome     | 67  |
| Conclusion   | 78  |
| CHAPTER 3  |     |
| European Integration and the Demise of Britishness | 79  |
| Empire, Commonwealth and Britain                   | 80  |
| Britain, Commonwealth and the EEC                  | 90  |
| England, Sovereignty and Empire                    | 101 |
| Conclusion   | 115 |

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| CHAPTER 4                           |     |
| Accession and the 1975 Referendum   | 117 |
| Restoring Greatness                 | 118 |
| Defending Sovereignty               | 130 |
| Instrumental Europeans              | 135 |
| Conclusion                          | 146 |
| CHAPTER 5                           |     |
| Thatcherism and English Nationalism | 149 |
| Britain and Europe                  | 150 |
| Thatcherism as English Nationalism  | 155 |
| Thatcherism and European History    | 159 |
| England's Nationalism               | 163 |
| Unity and Disunity                  | 167 |
| Conclusion                          | 178 |
| CHAPTER 6                           |     |
| Contemporary English Nationalism    | 181 |
| England Arise?                      | 182 |
| Rump Britain                        | 191 |
| Ostentatious Englishness            | 198 |
| Populism and Euroscepticism         | 212 |
| Conclusion                          | 223 |
| CHAPTER 7                           |     |
| Conclusion                          | 225 |
| Bibliography                        |     |
| Archival Sources                    | 237 |
| Newspapers and Periodicals          | 240 |
| Secondary Sources                   | 241 |
| Indexes                             | 255 |