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前言

This volume presents five texts which were published in the Low Countries between 1570 and 1590, during the crucial decades of what is nowadays labelled, with understatement, the 'Dutch Revolt'. From 1555 a series of revolutionary events led to the abjuration of Philip II by the States General of the Dutch provinces in 1581 and to the subsequent foundation of the 'Dutch Republic of the Seven United Provinces', one of the great powers of the seventeenth century. Despite the general recognition that the rise of the Dutch Republic was of major political, cultural and economic importance for the course of European history, historians have tended to neglect the political thought of the Dutch Revolt. However, as more than 2,000 publications (published between 1555 and 1590) exemplify, the political debate of the Revolt was not only immense, but also comprehensive and, above all, passionate. The purpose of this volume is to make some of the most important texts of the Revolt available in a modern edition. The first major issue which the protagonists of the Revolt had to confront was how to justify first the protest and resistance against the government of Philip II and eventually his abjuration by the States General. Closely related to the reflections on the limits of political obedience and the justice of political resistance was a fundamental debate on the true and desirable character of the Dutch political order. This quest for 'the best state of the commonwealth' and for good government focused on the problem of sovereignty, on the relationship between political and ecclesiastical authority and on the question of religious toleration.

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内容概要

囊括了所有著名的经典原著，但与此同时，它又扩展了传统的评价尺度，以便能够纳入范围广泛、不那么出名的作品。

每一本书都有一个评论性的导言，加上历史年表、生平梗概、进一步阅读指南，以及必要的词汇表和原文注解。

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If a beautiful and convenient opportunity to help the fatherland in its greatest distress and to return it, from its impending spoilation and destruction, to its flourishing prosperity has never before presented itself, then it is offered to you now by the exceptional mercy and favour of the Lord. It thus appears as though God, the Lord, moved to pity by the wretched misery of the people, is now admonishing you, and offering you his help to bring this affair to a good and blessed end. For it is certain and obvious that unless this Dutch war is rapidly terminated by a good peace and a common treaty, we can expect first gruesome bloodshed and harmful disruption, and then the total spoilation and demise of our dear fatherland, together with the sadyoke of foreign nations, which, due to our discord, will imprison us and our offspring eternally. We shall become booty and loot for all our neighbours, without meanwhile making any progress in that which we intend to do. For just as the disruption and discord, which has arisen amongst the inhabitants of the country by means and violence of the strangers, has caused all the present trouble and misery, so it is necessary to decide that there is no other means in the world to rectify our affairs, than to turn our disunion, dispute and discord into a good treaty.

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编辑推荐

This is a major new English-language edition of five central texts in the history of the political thought of the Dutch Revolt. Published between 1570 and 1590 these texts exemplify the development of the political ideas which motivated and legitimated the resistance to the government of Philip II in the Low Countries, and which became the crucial part of the ideological foundations of the Dutch Republic as it started to become one of Europe's main powers. As is shown by the 1570 'Defence and True Declaration', the 1576 'Address and Opening', the 1579 'Brief Discourse', the 1582 'Political Education' and the 1587 'Short Exposition' notions of liberty, constitutionalism, representation and popular sovereignty were of central importance to the political thought and the revolutionary events of the Dutch Revolt. In the introduction, which locates the five texts in their political and intellectual context, Martin van Gelderen argues that the Revolt's political thought was as much inspired by the indigenous legacy of Dutch constitutionalism and civic consciousness as by the intellectual legacy of the late Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation. Biographical notes and numerous annotations are provided to aid the student in exploring some of the most innovative texts of the Dutch Revolt; this edition also includes a chronology of the Revolt's main events and a guide to further reading.

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