

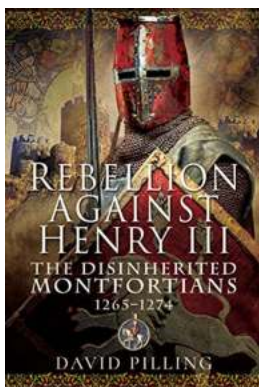
# The Forgotten Rebellion: Unveiling the Untold Story of the Disinherited Montfortians (1265-1274)

When we delve into the pages of history, we often come across tales of heroism, conquests, and power struggles. However, amidst the shadows of forgotten stories lies a rebellion that challenged the mighty English monarchy and defined an era. This is the narrative of the Disinherited Montfortians, whose fight against King Henry III shaped the fate of England during a tumultuous period between 1265 and 1274.

## Rise of Discontent

The early years of Henry III's reign were marked by political instability and a turbulent relationship with his barons. Dissatisfaction grew among the nobles, who believed the king's foreign policies and financial mismanagement were leading the kingdom towards ruin.

Enter Simon de Montfort, a skilled military leader and nobleman with a fervent desire to restore order and limit the king's powers. Montfort became a prominent figure in the political landscape, rallying other disenchanting barons and creating a formidable force that the king could no longer ignore.



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## **The Battle of Lewes: A Turning Point**

In 1264, the tensions between Henry III and Montfort reached a boiling point, resulting in the decisive Battle of Lewes. Montfort, along with his allies, defeated the king's forces, famously capturing Henry III and his son, Prince Edward. This marked a pivotal moment in the rebellion, as it demonstrated the authority that Montfort and his supporters now possessed.

Following his victory, Montfort proposed the establishment of a council, composed of both loyalists and disinherited Montfortians, to assist Henry III in ruling the realm. However, this experiment in shared governance was tenuous, and conflicts soon resurfaced.

## **Montfort's Parliament and the Disinherited**

In 1265, Simon de Montfort organized what is considered the first English Parliament. This assembly included representatives from both the nobility and the emerging middle class, affording them a voice in the political arena. Montfort hoped that such inclusivity would rectify the grievances of the "disinherited" barons, who had lost their lands during previous conflicts.

This Parliament represented a revolutionary step towards representative government in England. It laid the groundwork for constitutional reforms that would shape the future of the nation. However, internal divisions and external pressures led to the eventual downfall of Montfort's vision.

## **Endgame: The Battle of Evesham**

The year 1265 marked the beginning of the end for Montfort's rebellion. A series of conflicts erupted, resulting in the fateful Battle of Evesham. Prince Edward, who had escaped captivity, led a force against Montfort's army. Despite a valiant effort, Montfort's forces were outnumbered and overwhelmed.

The battle proved decisive, with Montfort losing his life on the battlefield. His supporters, labeled as Montfortians or the disinherited, were disbanded, and the temporary gains they had secured during the rebellion were swiftly dismantled.

## **The Legacy of the Montfortians**

Although the rebellion against Henry III was ultimately unsuccessful, it left an indelible mark on English history. The events of the rebellion underscored the growing discontent among the nobility and paved the way for later demands for reform.

Montfort's Parliament set a precedent for representative government and influenced the subsequent development of the English Parliament. The aspirations of the disinherited Montfortians were not fully realized at the time, but their struggle sowed the seeds of resistance that would shape the course of England's future.

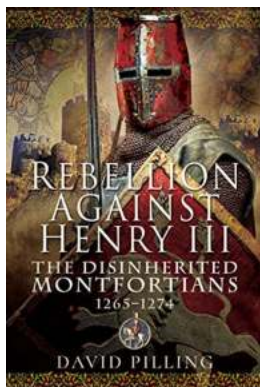
## **The Forgotten Rebellion Resurfaces**

The rebellion against Henry III, led by the disinherited Montfortians, remains an overlooked chapter in English history. Its significance lies not only in its unsuccessful challenge to royal authority but also in its broader impact on the evolution of democracy and governance in England.

As we uncover the untold stories of the past, we come face to face with the resilience and determination of those who dared to defy an oppressive system.

The rebellion of the Disinherited Montfortians, though obscured by time, deserves recognition as a pivotal moment in the struggle for individual rights and representation in the annals of history.

Let us remember the sacrifices of those who fought for a society where power is shared, and the voices of the disinherited are no longer silenced.



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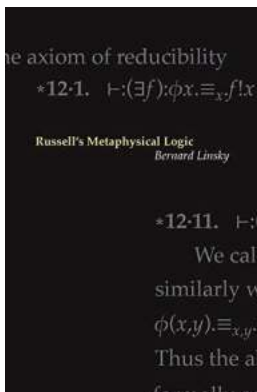
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This study sheds light on half-forgotten figures of the Montfortian wars such as Sir John Deyville and Sir Adam Gurdon.

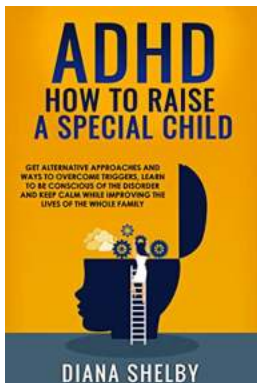
The 'Montfortian' civil wars in England lasted from 1259-67, though the death of Simon de Montfort and so many of his followers at the battle of Evesham in 1265 ought to have ended the conflict. In the aftermath of the battle, Henry III's decision to disinherit all the surviving Montfortians served to prolong the war for another two years. Hundreds of landless men took up arms again to defend their land and property: the redistribution of estates in the wake of Evesham occurred on a massive scale, as lands were either granted away by the king or simply taken by his supporters. "The Disinherited," as they were known, defied the might of the Crown longer than anyone could have reasonably expected. They were

scattered, outnumbered and out-resourced, with no real unifying figure after the death of Earl Simon, and suffered a number of heavy defeats. Despite all their problems and setbacks, they succeeded in forcing the king into a compromise. The Dictum of Kenilworth, published in 1266, acknowledged that Henry could not hope to defeat the Disinherited via military force alone. The purely military aspects of the revolt, including effective use of guerilla-type warfare and major actions such as the battle of Chesterfield, the siege of Kenilworth and the capture of London, will all be featured. Charismatic rebel leaders such as Robert de Ferrers, the 'wild and flighty' Earl of Derby, Sir John de Eyvill, 'the bold D'Eyvill' and others such as Sir Adam de Gurdon, David of Uffington and Baldwin Wake all receive a proper appraisal.



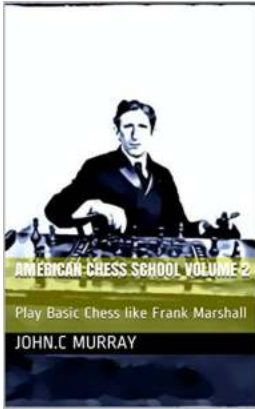
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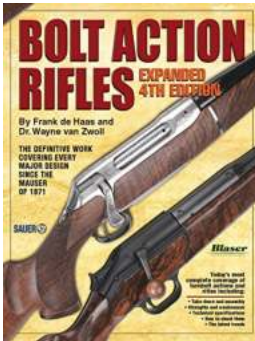
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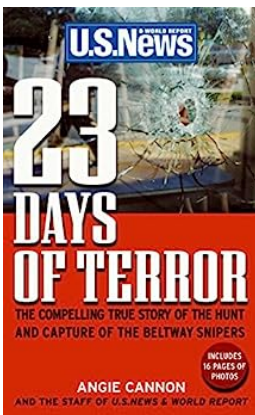
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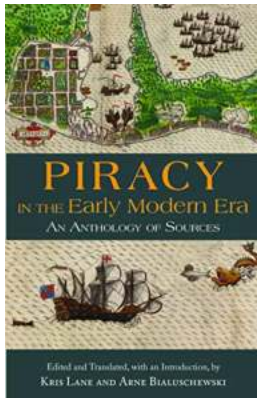
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