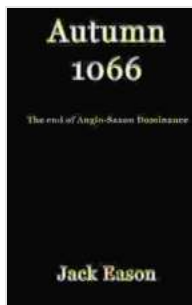


# Autumn 1066: When Anglo-Saxon Dominance Ended

## The End of an Era

In Autumn 1066, the Anglo-Saxon dominance of England came to an end with the Norman Conquest. This book tells the story of that fateful year, from the Viking raids and internal power struggles that weakened the Anglo-Saxons to the arrival of William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings.



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The Battle of Hastings was fought on October 14, 1066, and it was a decisive victory for the Normans. The Anglo-Saxon king, Harold Godwinson, was killed in the battle, and William the Conqueror was crowned King of England.

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## **The Anglo-Saxons**

The Anglo-Saxons were a Germanic people who migrated to England in the 5th and 6th centuries. They quickly established themselves as the dominant power in the country, and they ruled for over 500 years.

The Anglo-Saxons were a warlike people, and they were skilled in both land and sea warfare. They were also skilled craftsmen, and they produced beautiful works of art and architecture.

The Anglo-Saxon period was a time of great cultural achievement. The Anglo-Saxons developed a rich literary tradition, and they produced some of the most famous works of English literature, including the epic poem Beowulf.

## **The Vikings**

The Vikings were a seafaring people from Scandinavia who raided and conquered parts of Europe from the 8th to the 11th centuries. They were known for their ferocity and their skill in warfare.

The Vikings first raided England in the late 8th century, and they continued to raid the country for over 200 years. The Vikings were a major threat to the Anglo-Saxons, and they played a role in the weakening of the Anglo-Saxon kingdom.

In 1016, the Viking king Cnut the Great conquered England and became king. Cnut was a wise and just ruler, and he brought peace and prosperity to England. However, after Cnut's death in 1035, England was again divided and weakened.

## **The Norman Conquest**

In 1066, the ambitious Duke William of Normandy seized his opportunity and invaded England with a powerful army. William was a skilled military leader, and he quickly defeated the Anglo-Saxon forces.

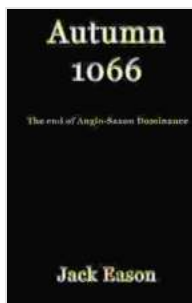
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social structure, and they helped to transform England into a more prosperous and powerful nation.

The story of Autumn 1066 is a fascinating one, and it is one that is still told today. It is a story of conquest and change, and it is a story that has shaped the course of English history.

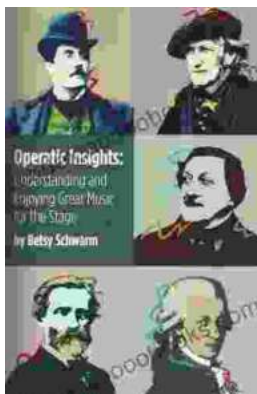


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