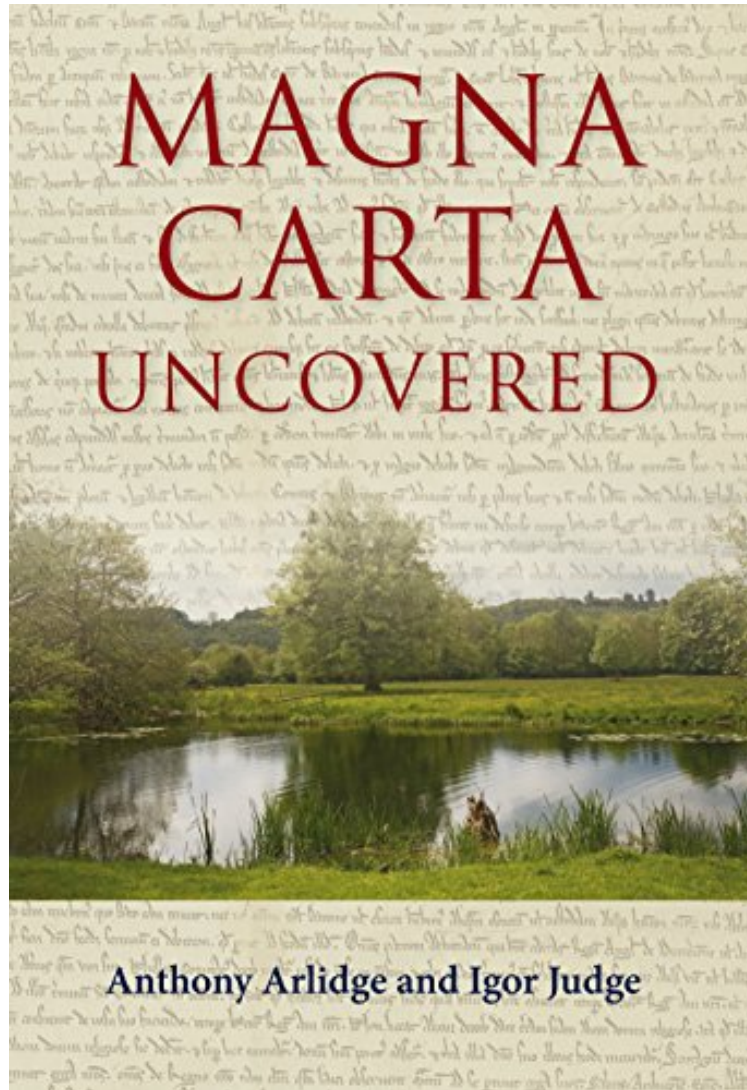


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learned commentary about it, the translation -- the full translation that is -- has not been readily available, at least not at every news agent in town. In this 800th anniversary year, however, with public consciousness raised in anticipation of the planned celebrations, this situation is more than likely to change. You can now read Magna Carta in its magnificent entirety in the aptly named *Magna Carta Uncovered*, a new book from Hart Publishing co-authored by former Lord Chief Justice, Lord Igor Judge and Anthony Arlidge QC. It is an important book. It is the book of the moment. It is a plain-speaking, twenty-first century appraisal of a thirteenth century legal document which, even in the absence of specific statements on human rights as such, has set the standard for rights and liberties the world over, even though it has been challenged, threatened, belittled and ignored in every century since, including our own. But read the translation and you cannot help noticing that despite the dismissive remarks of some commentators today, at least half the clauses in the charter can be construed as being still relevant. Clause 40 is the best known: To no one will we sell, to no one will we deny or delay right or justice. (That, in the view of any reasonable reader, does include everybody, not just a band of privileged and rebellious barons, as a number of pundits have claimed.) From 1331 to 1351 statutes extended the right against arbitrary action by the Crown to all men of whatever condition whatsoever. Lamentably, history reveals how often these provisions have been criminally ignored and yet -- the spirit of Magna Carta lives on. Interestingly, a number of clauses limit the power of bailiffs, which should resonate with quite a few people today and an insistence that people with such powers should at least be qualified for their jobs. We will not make (appoint) justices, constables, sheriffs or bailiffs who do not know the law of the land and mean to observe it well, thunders Clause 45. By the way, note the timeline at the beginning of the book which lists the significant events leading to Magna Carta, beginning in 1154 when Henry II ascended the throne of England. The decades which followed featured widespread strife, civil unrest and foreign wars which, under King John, had emptied the treasury by 1214. Finally, after further rebellion by the infuriated barons, the Charter is granted at Runnymede dated 15 June 1215. But as most of us now realize, this was not the end of the story. A month later, John, who was observed at the time gnashing his teeth and biting on twigs in fury, wrote to the Pope requesting that the Charter be annulled, which the Pope duly did, declaring it void. After King John's death, however, and following years of regency, the Charter newly dubbed Magna Carta was reissued in perpetuity under the seal of John's heir, the young Henry III. In all, the book tells a gripping tale of the conflict and drama including civil war (note the chapter on Robin Hood and the Royal Forests) -- which brought Magna Carta to birth and ensured its survival and indeed veneration over the centuries. Also compulsive reading are the book's six appendices, which include subsequent documents directly influenced by Magna Carta: The Petition of Right 1628, the Bill of Rights 1689 and the Bill of Rights 1789. (United States). As Lord Judge has remarked, Magna Carta should in this anniversary year, be enthusiastically celebrated and with that thought in mind, this quite enthralling book should receive an enthusiastic reception from laymen and lawyers alike.

Kurzbeschreibung 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of the grant at Runnymede of Magna Carta. The story of how Magna Carta came into being, and has been interpreted since, and its impact on individual rights and constitutional developments has more twists and turns than any work of historical fiction. The authors bring their wide legal experience and forensic skills to uncover the original meaning of the liberties enshrined in Magna Carta, and to trace their development in later centuries up to the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America. By providing that the powers of the King were not unlimited, the Charter was groundbreaking, yet it was also a conservative document, following the form of Anglo-Saxon charters and seeking to return government to the ways of the Norman kings. This book tells the enthralling, ultimately inspirational, story of Magna Carta in a concise and readable fashion and will captivate laymen and lawyers alike. *Pressstimmen* Arlidge and Judge...give [a] fascinating [account] of the afterlife of the Great Charter...[the book is] magnificently illustrated -- Ferdinand Mount *London of Books* *Magna Carta Uncovered* explains a great deal about the development of justice, the legal profession, and English history, and is quite simply, a very interesting book that lawyers and lay persons will find enjoyable. -- Gilles Renaud *Commonwealth Judicial Journal* ...the prose is a joy in its own right...Those who want to know why this anniversary is so important need read no further. -- David Wurtzel *Counsel Magazine* The distinguishing feature of Arlidge and Judge's work is that it is a historical one carried out by lawyers and presented to a legal audience...The learning and research exhibited in this book is wide... It is the duty of every generation of lawyers to know the values which Magna Carta represents, to appeal to them and, in so doing, to aspire to what is best in the tradition it has come to symbolise. It is for reminding us of that duty that Arlidge and Judge deserve our gratitude and *Magna Carta Uncovered* deserves to be widely read and admired. -- Paul Harvey *European Human Rights Law* Arlidge and Judge's book is a valuable contribution to the study of the context and nature of the charter itself...it has particular value in the wealth of legal expertise combined with the historical background of the authors. -- Sara Elin Roberts *English*, 2015, vol 64 What makes this book so successful is how effectively the discussion of the Charter is set in context...Even those who think they know about Magna Carta are likely to be richly rewarded by reading this work. -- David Ormerod QC *The Middle Templar* There is no time to be bored on any particular subject ...the 170 pages of this book

are a fitting tribute to [the Magna Carta] in all respects. -- Daniel Greenberg Statute Law This book is a good introduction to Magna Carta. This is not a book designed specifically for scholars of the period, but a more general text for wider public consumption- something the author have made no attempt to hide. Magna Carta Uncovered (...) approaches the subject from a slightly different angle, which will distinguish it from the other texts available. -- Steven Franklin Parliamentary HistoryKurzbeschreibung2015 marks the 800th anniversary of the grant at Runnymede of Magna Carta.The story of how Magna Carta came into being ,and has been interpreted since, and its impact on individual rights and constitutional developments has more twists and turns than any work of historical fiction.The authors bring their wide legal experience and forensic skills to uncover the original meaning of the liberties enshrined in Magna Carta, and to trace their development in later centuries up to the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America. By providing that the powers of the King were not unlimited, the Charter was groundbreaking, yet it was also a conservative document, following the form of Anglo-Saxon charters and seeking to return government to the ways of the Norman kings.This book tells the enthralling, ultimately inspirational, story of Magna Carta in a concise and readable fashion and will captivate laymen and lawyers alike.