An Anglo-Norman Language and Its Background

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This book surveys the history of literature in England from the 12th to the 15th century. It provides a comprehensive overview of the development of the English language and literature, with particular emphasis on the period of the Norman Conquest (1066) to the death of Henry VIII (1547). The book is divided into five sections: After the Norman Conquest; Writing in the British Isles; Institutional and Legal; Religious and Theological; and Military, Legal, Literary and Other Forms.

The book covers a wide range of topics, including the origins of the English language, the development of literary forms, the impact of the Norman Conquest on English culture, and the role of religion and law in shaping English society. It also includes discussions of key literary works, such as Beowulf and The Seafarer.

The book is an essential resource for anyone interested in the history of English literature and language, and is highly recommended for students and scholars alike.