



### Gladstone and the Logic of Victorian Politics

*Ian St John*

**Pub Date:** November 2010  
**Binding:** Paperback  
**Price:** £12.99 / \$22.95  
**ISBN:** 9781843318729

**Category:** EDUCATION / Teaching  
 Methods & Materials / Arts & Humanities  
**BISAC code:** EDU029050  
**BIC code:** HBJD

**Extent:** 464 pages  
**Size:** 229 x 152mm / 9 x 6

**Rights Held:** World

*This book is also available as an ebook*

#### Description

**A comprehensive review of the political career and personal life of William Gladstone within the context of Victorian politics.**

'In this lucid, clearly-organised and engaging study, Ian St John explores the intellectual convictions, religious beliefs and powerful impulses which shaped the complex temperament and extraordinary career of William Gladstone, the dominating political presence of 19th century Britain. Drawing on the latest research, St John presents a convincing and compelling portrait of the Victorian statesman who defined the aspirations and anxieties of his age, thereby providing a valuable and timely guide for all students of the period.' —*Dr Angus Hawkins, Director, Public & International Programmes, Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford, England*

'Ian St John's earlier work on Disraeli gave ample evidence that here was an historian capable of reconciling the demands of scholarship and accessibility, and *Gladstone and the Logic of Victorian Politics* more than repeats the feat. Integrating an analysis of high political manoeuvre with the life of both Gladstone's mind and spirit, St John has produced a substantial volume which will reward the ambitious sixth former and undergraduate alike.' —*David Cooper, Tutor to the Academic Scholars, Tonbridge School, England*

This book provides a thorough analysis of the political career of William Gladstone, one of the most intriguing and controversial figures in modern British history. *Gladstone and the Logic of Victorian Politics* captures the incredible richness and range of Gladstone's political journey, tracing his evolution from idealistic Tory defender of a theocratic Anglican state, through his transformation into Peelite financial administrator, reforming Liberal Prime Minister, populist champion of the 'masses against the classes', and culminating in his strenuous yet schismatic attempt to bring Home Rule to Ireland. Each stage in Gladstone's development is fully assessed in the light both of recent historiographical debates and Gladstone's own complex reflections upon his own actions.

**Readership:** Undergraduate and sixth form or high school students of nineteenth century history, those studying the history of political ideas and institutions, and anyone wishing to explore the life and times of the greatest exemplar of the Victorian age.

#### Contents

Introduction; The Young Tory; From High Tory to Reforming Peelite 1841-51; The Struggle for Peelite Finance 1851-1855; Years of Decision 1855-59; Gladstonian Finance 1859-1866; The Ascent to Leadership 1865-1868; 'I Ascend a Steepening Path': Prime Minister 1868-74; Gladstone's Foreign Policy 1868-1880; Gladstonian Liberalism; Gladstone's Second Government 1880-1885; Foreign and Domestic Policy; Gladstone and Ireland 1880-1885; Gladstone and Irish Home Rule; Gladstone, 1886-1898: Raging against the Dying of the Light; Gladstone: A Study in Victorian Dialectic; Notes; Bibliography; Index

#### About the Author

Ian St John has taught history at Haberdashers' Aske's School in Hertfordshire since 2000. His chief research interests are in Victorian history.

#### Ordering in the UK/Rest of the World

Marston Book Services  
 P.O. Box 269  
 Abingdon, Oxfordshire  
 OX14 4YN, United Kingdom  
 Tel: +44 (0)1235 465577  
 Fax: +44 (0)1235 465556  
 direct.orders@marston.co.uk  
 trade.orders@marston.co.uk

#### Ordering in North America

Books International  
 P.O. Box 605  
 Herndon, VA 20172-0605  
 United States  
 Tel: +1 703 661 1570  
 Fax: +1 703 661 1501  
 bimail@presswarehouse.com