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University of Pennsylvania Press, United States, 1998. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 231 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Sometime before the middle of the twelfth century, an anonymous English writer composed the *Leges Edwardi*, a treatise purporting to contain the laws that had been in force under the Anglo-Saxon King Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), cousin of William the Conqueror. The laws were said to have been spoken to William shortly after the Conquest by English nobles who were wise men and learned in their law, recounting the rules of their laws and customs for the invading Norman king. When they had finished, the king wondered whether it might not be better for all of them to live under the law of his Viking ancestors; the English, however, protested that they preferred to live by their own pre-conquest laws. The king acquiesced, and thus, goes the story, were the laws of King Edward the Confessor authorized. Looking through the lens of this important-if spurious-treatise, *God's Peace and King's Peace* offers the first ground-level view of English law during the century in which the common law was born. Bruce R. O'Brien compares...



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