

*At the Edge of Reformation* is the history of a corner of late medieval Europe under severe strain. For both Castile and Portugal, the early fourteenth century witnessed the recovery of royal government after a period of near anarchy in both kingdoms and the beginnings of movement into Africa and the Atlantic. But those processes coincided with, and were complicated by, developments towards secularization within the peninsular Church, the mutinous relationship of many of its members towards the papacy, and simultaneously mounting anxiety amongst some of them regarding the prospects of salvation in a society always subject to natural disaster and, in this case, faced with the onset of Black Death.