

DEMONIC POSSESSION AND EXORCISM IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND

Contemporary Texts and their Cultural Contexts

PHILIP C. ALMOND



CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Contents

<i>Preface</i>	<i>page ix</i>
Introduction	i
1 Disfigured by the Devil: The story of Alexander Nyndge	43
2 Two possessed maidens in London: The story of Agnes Briggs and Rachel Pinder	58
3 The witches of Warboys: The story of the Throckmorton children	71
4 The boy of Burton: The story of Thomas Darling	150
5 A household possessed: The story of the Lancashire seven	192
6 The counterfeit demoniac: The story of William Sommers	240
7 The puritan martyr: The story of Mary Glover	287
8 The boy of Bilson: The story of William Perry	331
9 A pious daughter: The story of Margaret Muschamp	358
<i>References</i>	391
<i>Index</i>	396