

CONTENTS

<i>Acknowledgements</i>	6
<i>Introduction: Law and History</i>	7
<i>Part One</i>	
1 Old English Law	13
2 The Common Law Takes Shape	30
3 All Sorts of Justices: the Criminal Law to 1642	59
4 Private Law to 1642	88
<i>Part Two</i>	
5 The Old Procedure	119
6 The New Procedure and New Courts	140
7 The Legal Profession	167
8 Lawyers and Law Books	194
9 Law in the Making	216
10 Law in English History	242
<i>Part Three</i>	
11 The Age of Improvisation, 1642-1789	265
12 Empire and Commerce: the Expansion of the Common Law	298
13 Law Reform in the Nineteenth Century: the Legal System	330
14 Law Reform in the Nineteenth Century: the Substantive Law	359
<i>Epilogue: Reform Continued?</i>	389
<i>Abbreviations</i>	433
<i>Bibliography and References</i>	435
<i>Table of Cases</i>	469
<i>Table of Statutes</i>	473
<i>Index</i>	479