

Contents

List of illustrations	ix
Preface to the second edition	xi
Abbreviations	xv
Prologue: Germany before 1814	1
1 Reform postponed: 1814–71	11
1814–40: Restoration and change	12
1840–49: From <i>Vormärz</i> to revolution	18
1850–71: The road to unification	23
2 Imperial adventure: 1871–1918	33
Structures of the <i>Kaiserreich</i>	34
1871–90: Bismarck and the <i>Reich</i>	36
1890–1914: Wilhelmine Germany – a downward spiral	43
1914–18: War and its consequences	46
Österreich-Ungarn, 1867–1918	50
3 Weimar – a scapegoat republic: 1918–33	55
1918–20: The battle for new structures	56
1920–23: Descent into chaos	61
1924–9: ‘Golden years’?	65
1929–33: National socialism and the collapse of republican democracy	68
Evaluating the Weimar Republic	71
Republik Österreich, 1918–33	72
4 Chaotic dictatorship and genocidal war: 1933–45	79
The long-term causes of national socialism – a German <i>Sonderweg</i> ?	81
The short-term origins and nature of national socialism	83
Taking power: the <i>Machtergreifung</i>	86
The <i>Drittes Reich</i> in power	90
Racial war	94
Assent and dissent	101
Evaluating the <i>Drittes Reich</i>	103

	Republik Österreich and 'Ostmark', 1933–45	104
	Austria and the legacy of national socialism	107
5	Parting of the ways: 1945–9	111
	The allies take control	112
	The rebirth of German politics	116
	Superpower tensions and the division of Germany	118
	Who divided Germany?	121
	The rebirth of Austria	123
6	Rehabilitation, restoration and reform: West Germany, 1949–89	127
	Structures of the <i>Bundesrepublik</i>	128
	1949–69: Defining moments	130
	1969–89: New challenges	139
	Evaluating the 'Bonn Republic'	143
	Republik Österreich, 1945–89	144
7	'Auferstanden aus Ruinen': East Germany, 1949–89	151
	Structures of the GDR	152
	1949–71: From crisis to consolidation	158
	1971–89: Abortive new start, stagnation and decline	165
	Evaluating the GDR	169
8	Two into one: uniting Germany, 1969–90	175
	The two Germanies: strained relations	176
	1989–90: 'Wir sind ein Volk!' – the road to German unity	182
	Division and unity	185
9	Germany and Austria in a united Europe: 1990–2014	189
	Political and social developments	190
	German unification and economic developments after 1990	197
	Germany's European and foreign policy	201
	Germany in 2014	203
	Republik Österreich since 1990	204
	Further reading	213
	Useful internet sites for historians of Germany and Austria	219
	Index/Glossary	223