## CONTENTS

Preface	ix	
Abbrevi	ations	χv

- 1. The Rise of the Novel 1
- 2. Rural England: The Epicenter of Austen's World 21
- 3. Agriculture and Agricultural Change 69
- 4. Families, Women, and Men 86
- 5. Faith and the Church 117
- 6. Culture, Arts, and the Enlightenment 141
- 7. London: The Capital of Empire 162
- 8. Bath: The Capital of Leisure 177
- 9. Transport and Industry 191
- 10. A State at War 223
- 11. The Romantic Landscape 272
- 12. Conclusions 299

Selected Further Reading 315

Index 319