

# Contents

PREFACE ix

1  
Introduction 3

PART I:  
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: CLASS FORMATION AND LAND  
IN THE COLONIAL ERA

2  
European encroachment: the roots of class conflict 27

3  
Class formation and the growth of landlessness 44

PART II:  
THE TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE

4  
Yeomen and peasants: the colonial phase of settlement 71

5  
The Million-Acre Scheme: the neo-colonial phase 87

6  
The Million-Acre Scheme and landless people 119

viii Contents

PART III:

LAND AND CLASS IN INDEPENDENT KENYA

7

*Hakuna cha bure: the Million-Acre Scheme at the grass roots* 151

8

*Land and class in Kenya, 1972–83* 171

APPENDIX 199

NOTES 203

BIBLIOGRAPHY 231

INDEX 237