

JUSTICE ACCORDING TO THE ENGLISH COMMON LAWYERS by F. E. Dowrick,
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The comprehensive legal analysis of our modern common law principles leaves little room for a discussion of the concept of justice which motivates legal decisions. Thus Mr. Dowrick's book on this subject is a valuable contribution to our legal literature.

The book is intended primarily for persons who have been studying law for one or two years. Nevertheless it is felt that not for these only will the book provide interesting and stimulating reading material.

The learned author sets out to present the concept of justice according to the English common lawyers. This purpose is well carried out. Justice as Judicature; Justice as Fair Trial; Natural Justice; Moral Justice; Individual Utility; Social Justice and Legal Justice are discussed in separate chapters. One omission, however, should be noted. The chapter dealing with fair trial does not discuss the important role which juries have played in securing fair trial. A reference to Lord Mansfield's Junius Trials might have been of value in this context.

On the whole it is to be regretted that the learned author limited himself to the concept of justice according to English common lawyers. A discussion of the concept of justice of the civil lawyers would have provided an interesting comparison. To have adopted such wider terms of reference, however, would have resulted in an altogether larger and more ambitious work.

The author's style is clear and very readable and the book as a whole is presented in a most attractive manner.