

STUDY GUIDE TO CRIMINAL LAW. By D. J. Lanham. [London: Sweet & Maxwell. 1967. ix + 74 pp. 12s. 6d.].

This book is one of the guide series dealing with a variety of legal subjects. Questions are posed by the author and the suggested answers given by way of citation of cases [an instance of name-dropping]. In content, the book covers the general principles of Criminal Law beginning with the nature of a crime. The author has tried to be as comprehensive as possible while keeping the volume very slim.

However, like any other book of this nature, it is of limited use, if at all of any use. By no means should it be regarded as a substitute for standard textbooks on Criminal Law. Nor would it be safe for a student to treat the cases given as answers to be complete. In fact, as the author himself has pointed out in the Preface, at most, the student should consider the guide “as the *basis* for his research, finding for himself from the original sources (both from cases and textbooks where necessary) the (actual) answers to the questions.”

The book is recommended therefore for the sole purpose of revision and only after the student has gone through the entire course on the subject and acquainted himself with it.

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