

A CASEBOOK ON CRIMINAL LAW. 2nd Edition 1969. By ELLIOT AND WOOD. [London: Sweet and Maxwell. xxx + 418 pp.]

The 2nd edition of this casebook embodies most, if not all, of the latest authoritative cases on the subject, neatly arranged in a clear logical sequence under well-defined heads. The unique approach of the learned authors in presenting the subject-matter in simple, lucid language with many cross references and authoritative citations is very welcome from the student's standpoint. Valuable attempts have been made, wherever possible, to provide the reader with the benefit of the learned authors' comments at the foot of each case. These comments relate to the case preceding as well as to other relevant cases, thus enabling the student to acquire the desired academic depth in the subject.

It is indeed amazing how a book of this nature can so evenly accommodate the vast changes brought about in recent years by the Theft Act 1968 and other statutes, authoritative judgments and relevant critical academic writings without overshadowing the paramount aim of drawing students' attention to the essential points. To a satisfactory degree the common difficulties and inconsistencies of both interpretation and application of principles encountered by the student have also been dealt with, each in its appropriate context.

This work is more than just an ordinary casebook. The learned and scholarly approach, the analysis and the wealth of materials provided will certainly make it a useful book for any LL.B. or professional student offering Criminal Law as an examination subject to own. In this respect, both authors as experienced lecturers in the field have ungrudgingly tapped their intellectual resources to the full to meet the much-felt students' need. It will be a popular, much-sought-for student's guide companion and successful teacher.

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