

BOOK REVIEWS

AUSTRALIAN MERCANTILE LAW. 14th Edition. By YORSTON & FORTESCUE. [Sydney: Law Book Co. Ltd. 1971. xxx + 678 pp. (incl. index). A\$7.00 (paper)].

This book deals with 16 commercial law subjects and has been primarily written for students. It is not designed to substitute the standard works but as a "refresher of fundamental principles". It gives a general conception of the principles of law and is useful to businessmen, accountants and business as well as law students.

There is a reluctance to enter into controversies and for a book of this type this is perhaps the best course. It merely states principles and the existing law is set out clearly but somewhat summarily. The law stated in the book, as the title suggests, is Australian law and as many areas of Australian law are the same as English law, Singapore readers should also find this book useful.

The law is written succinctly with generous usage of charts and sometimes even tabulated. With the lay man in mind the subjects are approached in a non-technical way and a glossary of Latin terms is provided.

This book does not pretend to cover the whole area of commercial law. The law of Bankruptcy and Copyright have been omitted from this edition. To the busy lawyers and businessmen who wish to refresh their memories this book is recommended but it is not meant for the serious students of law in pursuit of detailed knowledge.