

A CASEBOOK ON CONTRACT. By J. C. SMITH & J. A. C. THOMAS.
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In the preface to this sixth edition the authors comment that “The preface to the last edition intimated that no major changes had been made in its preparation. That claim cannot be made for the present edition.” Indeed the revisions amount to minor surgery. Two major expansions have been made. A new Chapter entitled “Duress, Undue Influence and Inequality of Bargaining Power,” has been added whilst the Chapter on Implied Terms has been greatly enlarged. Thus ex-

tracts from the Sale of Goods Act 1893 as amended by the Supply of Goods (Implied Terms) Act 1973 and the Consumer Act 1974 have been included as have *Liverpool City Council v. Irwin and Another* [1976] 2 W.L.R. 562 and *Shell U.K., Ltd. v. Lostock Garage, Ltd.* [1977] 1 All E.R. 481.

In order to create room for the new material the authors have felt it necessary to give scant attention to unenforceable contracts and, more importantly, to leave out the cases relating to the contracts of infants. The latter decision may cause some academic regret but receives a practical justification from the lowering of the age of majority. Unfortunately the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 came too late for inclusion though its expected enactment may explain the omission of *Wathes (Western) Ltd. v. Austins (Menswear) Ltd.* [1976] 1 Lloyd's Rep. 14.

Overall the book achieves a comprehensive if fairly predictable selection of contract materials. The 6th edition continues the book's established practice of including questions and comments on the areas covered. Although this may be helpful for revision purposes, the depth of analysis achieved bears no comparison with the better American casebooks. Thus the book remains most valuable for the student faced with inadequate library resources.