

This is a very useful book for any practising lawyer. It is comprehensive and practical and is well printed and easy to use. It is bound in heavy paper covers which should sustain the amount of handling it is likely to receive.

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*Australian Mercantile Law*, by R. KEITH YORSTON, B.Com. (Melb.), F.C.A. (Aust.), and E. E. FORTESCUE, F.C.A. (Aust.). 5th Edition, pp. xix. and 519 and Index. Law Book Company of Australasia. Pty Ltd. 1949.

In this, the fifth edition of their now well-known book on Mercantile Law, the authors have taken the opportunity to enlarge and re-write certain portions of the text, and have added two new Chapters, one giving an introductory outline of Company Law, and the other dealing similarly with Bankruptcy Law. In the result, this edition is rather larger than its predecessors, but the inclusion of the additional subject-matter has increased the value of the book.

The authors acknowledge that their aim has been "to state only the general principles of Commercial Law," and in this they have succeeded. The material throughout the book is dealt with under numerous sub-headings, which should assist students to fix firmly in their minds the basic principles involved. Similarly, the practice of stating important definitions at the head of each chapter should help to achieve the same object. But although the book deals in the main with major principles only, the very large number of references to Statutes and to decided cases should make it possible for any student who wishes to do so to undertake a more detailed study of the various topics.

It has naturally been impossible, in a book of this size, to deal with all the aspects of every topic included. At the same time, bearing in mind that the book is intended primarily for use by those who are studying Commercial Law as part of an Accountancy course, it provides a very adequate statement of those legal principles with which an accountant should be familiar. These students, as well as those business men who desire to have available a clear and concise statement of the major principles of "business" law, should find this edition admirably suited to meet their requirements.

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