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This latest book in the *Emerald Home Lawyer Series* is a companion volume to *Emerald Guide to The English Legal System*.

This guide is comprehensive and in-depth and aims to introduce the reader, whether student or layperson, to criminal law as it affects our daily lives.

The book commences with the development of law generally, as to understand the context within which criminal law operates, it is first necessary to understand the workings of the legal system.

Following this, the purpose of criminal law is outlined, along with an examination of areas of criminal law, such as unlawful killing, specifically murder and manslaughter. The area of non-fatal offences against the person is examined along with property offences and obtaining property by deception.

The areas of criminal damage and defences generally in criminal cases are outlined along with inchoate offences. Finally, the book looks at the legal system and how it operates on a day-to-day basis when hearing criminal cases.

Overall, this introduction to criminal law is wide ranging and is illustrated throughout with relevant cases. The book will prove invaluable either as a student handbook or as a guide for the professional or layperson who wishes to enhance their knowledge of criminal law.