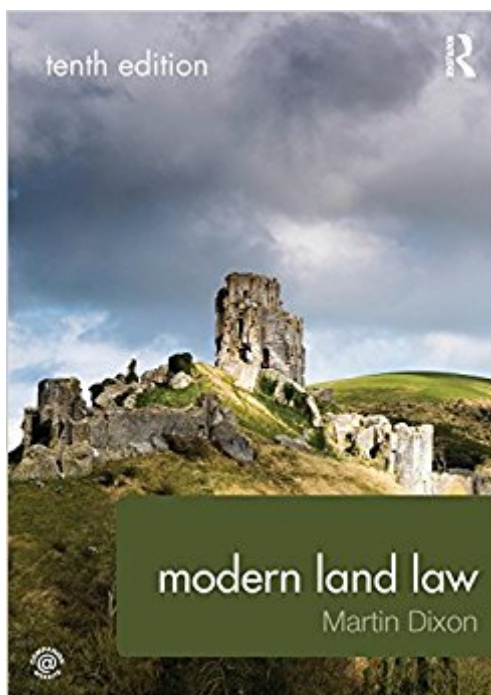


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## Synopsis

Modern Land Law is one of the most current and reliable textbooks available on land law today, offering a lively and thought-provoking account of a subject that remains at the heart of our legal system. Dispelling any apprehension about the subject's formidability from the outset, this compact textbook provides an absorbing and exact analysis of all the key legal principles relating to land. Written with students firmly in mind, a clear introduction to every chapter frames each topic in its wider context and corresponding chapter summaries help to consolidate learning and encourage reflection. This 10th edition has been thoroughly revised and updated to take into account key developments in the law including an updated chapter on registered title in the light of the recent Court of Appeal decision in *Swift First v Chief Land Registrar and Goldharp v McLeod*. There is an update on the Law Commission's recommendations on easements and covenants, including the 'Right to Light' as well as analysis of recent, often contradictory, decisions in case law relating to cohabitation.

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An appreciation by Phillip Taylor MBE and Elizabeth Taylor of Richmond Green Chambers

We welcome the ninth edition of Martin Dixon's *Modern Land Law* which has been thoroughly revised taking account of recent developments in the light of the Law Commission's recommendations on easements and covenants amongst other things!

English land law continues to present learners with a bit of a dilemma because they will come into contact with substantial statute law and case law mixed with some complicated general rules about real property. It does cause problems for lecturers as well with the detail itself which needs to be assimilated including all recent decisions and continuing proposals for reform. Dixon is back to the rescue again with this excellent new eighth edition on the modern law. Many students will be well aware of his contribution to this important and difficult area from his other works which are well-known within the small circle of student lawyers and practitioners over the years. It is right to remind readers that English land law is often badly explained and badly taught so it's refreshing to find a book which is user-friendly and dispels fears. As Dixon reminds us, land law is steeped in history reliant upon centuries old legal tradition. And it's a bit of a jigsaw from which a coherent pattern emerges- you will know the subject better when the realization of the pattern becomes obvious to you!

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