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## **Punishing the Criminal Corpse, 1700-1840** - Peter King 2017-11-06

This book is open access under a CC BY 4.0 licence. This book analyses the different types of post-execution punishments and other aggravated execution practices, the reasons why they were advocated, and the decision, enshrined in the Murder Act of 1752, to make two post-execution punishments, dissection and gibbeting, an integral part of sentences for murder. It traces the origins of the Act, and then explores the ways in which Act was actually put into practice. After identifying the dominance of penal dissection throughout the period, it looks at the abandonment of burning at the stake in the 1790s, the rapid decline of hanging in chains just after 1800, and the final abandonment of both dissection and gibbeting in 1832 and 1834. It concludes that the Act, by creating differentiation in levels of penalty, played an important role within the broader capital punishment system well into the nineteenth century. While eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century historians have extensively studied the 'Bloody Code' and the resulting interactions around the 'Hanging Tree', they have largely ignored an important dimension of the capital punishment system - the courts extensive use of aggravated and post-execution punishments. With this book, Peter King aims to rectify this neglected historical phenomenon.

## **An Essay on Crimes and Punishment**-Cesare Beccaria 2006

Reprint of the fourth edition, which contains an additional text attributed to Voltaire. Originally published anonymously in 1764, *Dei Delitti e Delle Pene* was the first systematic study of the principles of crime and punishment. Infused with the spirit of the Enlightenment, its advocacy of crime prevention and the abolition of torture and capital punishment marked a significant advance in criminological thought, which had changed little since the Middle Ages. It had a profound influence on the development of criminal law in Europe and the United States.

## **London Lives** - Tim Hitchcock 2015-12-03

This book surveys the lives and experiences of hundreds of thousands of eighteenth-century non-elite Londoners in the evolution of the modern world.

## **"At The Instigation of the Devil": Capital Punishment and the Assize in the early modern England,**

**1670-1730** - Markus Eder 2013-11-14

"Acting at the instigation of the devil" was the designation used in english indictments of the early modern period for those heavy criminals as murderers, high traitors, rapists, robbers and burglars who, on conviction, would have faced capital punishment. Although criminals of the above- mentioned kind have at all times haunted the imagination of society , up to now, no systematical and representative analysis of the subject of capital punishment in the pre- 1718 period, the date of the passage of the so called Transportation Act, has been published. Drawing on the archival resources of one of England`s largest and most heavily populated Assize, the so called Western Circuit, Markus Eder, author of the well received *Crime and Punishment in the Royal Navy of the Seven Years` War, 1755-1763* (Aldershot, 2004), unfolds before the reader`s eyes the story of the incidence, nature and punishment of capital crimes during the period 1670-1730. What emerges is the most fully and most representative study on the nature and handling of capital crime in early Modern England.

## **Crime and Punishment in Eighteenth Century England** - McLynn Frank 2014-11-10

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## **Crime and Empire**- Pablo Mukherjee 2003

In *Crime and Empire*, Upamanyu Pablo Mukherjee examines a wide range of nineteenth-century British fictions about crime in India--from writers such as Wilkie Collins, Walter Scott, and Conan Doyle to historical, parliamentary, and medical narratives.

## **Crime, Policing and Punishment in England, 1660-1914** - David D. Gray 2016-01-28

"This book is supported by a companion website, which includes an extended bibliography and seminar exercises. Website materials can be accessed at [www.bloomsbury.com/crimeinengland/](http://www.bloomsbury.com/crimeinengland/)."--T.p.

## **Capital Punishment in Twentieth-Century Britain** - Lizzie Seal 2014-03-05

Capital punishment for murder was abolished in Britain in 1965. At this time, the way people in Britain perceived and understood the death penalty had changed - it was an issue that had become increasingly controversial, high-profile and fraught with emotion. In order to understand why this was, it is necessary to examine how ordinary people learned about and experienced capital punishment. Drawing on primary research, this book explores the cultural life of the death penalty in Britain in the twentieth century, including an exploration of the role of the popular press and a discussion of portrayals of the death penalty in plays, novels and films. Popular protest against capital punishment and public responses to and understandings of capital cases are also discussed, particularly in relation to conceptualisations of justice. Miscarriages of justice were significant to capital punishment's increasingly fraught nature in the mid twentieth-century and the book analyses the unsettling power of two such high profile miscarriages of justice. The final chapters consider the continuing relevance of capital punishment in Britain after abolition, including its symbolism and how people negotiate memories of the death penalty. *Capital Punishment in Twentieth-Century Britain* is groundbreaking in its attention to the death penalty and the effect it had on everyday life and it is the only text on this era to place public and popular discourses about, and reactions to, capital punishment at the centre of the analysis. Interdisciplinary in focus and methodology, it will appeal to historians, criminologists, sociologists and socio-legal scholars.

## **The Industrial Revolution and British Society** - Brian Quinault 1993-01-29

This text is a wide-ranging survey of the principal economic and social aspects of the first Industrial Revolution.

## **You Wouldn't Want to be an 18th-century Convict!** - Meredith Costain 2006-09-01

A humorous account of how a British thief would have been punished in the eighteenth century by being sent to Australia in 1785.

## **Seeing Justice Done** - Paul Friedland 2012-06-14

A history of public executions in France from the medieval spectacle of suffering to the invention of the Revolutionary guillotine, up to the last public execution in 1939. Paul Friedland explores why spectacles of public execution were staged, as well as why thousands of spectators came to watch them.

**Discipline and Punish** - Michel Foucault 2012-04-18

In this brilliant work, the most influential philosopher since Sartre suggests that such vaunted reforms as the abolition of torture and the emergence of the modern penitentiary have merely shifted the focus of punishment from the prisoner's body to his soul.

*Crime And Punishment In England* John Briggs 2005-10-05

This survey of crime in ENgland from the medieval period to the present day synthesizes case-study and local-level material and standardizes the debates and issues for the student reader.

*Crime, Courtrooms and the Public Sphere in Britain, 1700-1850* Lemmings 2016-05-13

Modern criminal courts are characteristically the domain of lawyers, with trials conducted in an environment of formality and solemnity, where facts are found and legal rules are impartially applied to administer justice. Recent historical scholarship has shown that in England lawyers only began to appear in ordinary criminal trials during the eighteenth century, however, and earlier trials often took place in an atmosphere of noise and disorder, where the behaviour of the crowd - significant body language, meaningful looks, and audible comment - could influence decisively the decisions of jurors and judges. This collection of essays considers this transition from early scenes of popular participation to the much more orderly and professional legal proceedings typical of the nineteenth century, and links this with another important shift, the mushroom growth of popular news and comment about trials and punishments which occurred from the later seventeenth century. It hypothesizes that the popular participation which had been a feature of courtroom proceedings before the mid-eighteenth century was not stifled by 'lawyerization', but rather partly relocated to the 'public sphere' of the press, partly because of some changes connected with the work of the lawyers. Ranging from the early 1700s to the mid-nineteenth century, and taking account of criminal justice proceedings in Scotland, as well as England, the essays consider whether pamphlets, newspapers, ballads and crime fiction provided material for critical perceptions of criminal justice proceedings, or alternatively helped to convey the official 'majesty' intended to legitimize the law. In so doing the volume opens up fascinating vistas upon the cultural history of Britain's legal system over the 'long eighteenth century'.

*Crime, Policing and Punishment in England, 1750-1914* David Taylor 1998-12-14

The prison, that most lasting legacy of Victorian England, was the dominant site of punishment, society was more heavily policed, and court procedures had become longer, more formal and more concerned with the rights of the defendant. This book offers a comprehensive and up-to-date account of these important developments. As well as looking at the underlying causes of change in the criminal justice system, the book concludes with a consideration of the ways in which the evolution of modern society has been shaped by the developments in the criminal justice system.

**Crime and Punishment in Eighteenth-century England** - Frank McLynn 1989

Why was the era of Augustan elegance also that of Hogarthian squalor? How far was the Industrial Revolution responsible for the rise of street gangs and highwaymen? Was it a coincidence that the autocratic monarchies of Europe suffered less from violent crime? Were such heroes as Dick Turpin motivated by Robin Hood impulses? Why were public executions regarded as entertainment and not deterrents? The author attempts to answer all these questions in this study of a society he characterizes as riddled with insecurities and governed by envies and fears. The book is aimed at students - graduate and undergraduate - of 18th European and British history, and those interested in crime, the law, criminality, and punishment.

**Harnessing the Power of the Criminal Corpse** - Sarah Tarlow 2018-05-17

This open access book is the culmination of many years of research on what happened to the bodies of executed criminals in the past. Focusing on the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, it looks at the consequences of the 1752 Murder Act. These criminal bodies had a crucial role in the history of medicine, and the history of crime, and great symbolic resonance in literature and popular culture. Starting with a consideration of the criminal corpse in the medieval and early modern periods, chapters go on to review the

histories of criminal justice, of medical history and of gibbeting under the Murder Act, and ends with some discussion of the afterlives of the corpse, in literature, folklore and in contemporary medical ethics. Using sophisticated insights from cultural history, archaeology, literature, philosophy and ethics as well as medical and crime history, this book is a uniquely interdisciplinary take on a fascinating historical phenomenon.

*The London Hanged* - Peter Linebaugh 1993

In a time characterized by increasing attempts of propertied classes to criminalize the customary rights of the working classes, the gallows at Tyburn became the dramatic focus of a struggle between the rich & the poor within a century of unparalleled growth in trade & commerce.

*The Oxford Handbook of the History of Crime and Criminal Justice* Paul Knepper 2016-04-15

The historical study of crime has expanded in criminology during the past few decades, forming an active niche area in social history. Indeed, the history of crime is more relevant than ever as scholars seek to address contemporary issues in criminology and criminal justice. Thus, The Oxford Handbook of the History of Crime and Criminal Justice provides a systematic and comprehensive examination of recent developments across both fields. Chapters examine existing research, explain on-going debates and controversies, and point to new areas of interest, covering topics such as criminal law and courts, police and policing, and the rise of criminology as a field. This Handbook also analyzes some of the most pressing criminological issues of our time, including drug trafficking, terrorism, and the intersections of gender, race, and class in the context of crime and punishment. The definitive volume on the history of crime, The Oxford Handbook of the History of Crime and Criminal Justice is an invaluable resource for students and scholars of criminology, criminal justice, and legal history.

**Eighteenth Century Penal Theory** - James Heath 1963

**Crime and Law in England, 1750-1840** - Peter King 2006-12-07

How was law made in England in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries? Through detailed studies of what the courts actually did, Peter King argues that parliament and the Westminster courts played a less important role in the process of law making than is usually assumed. Justice was often remade from the margins by magistrates, judges and others at the local level. His book also focuses on four specific themes - gender, youth, violent crime and the attack on customary rights. In doing so it highlights a variety of important changes - the relatively lenient treatment meted out to women by the late eighteenth century, the early development of the juvenile reformatory in England before 1825, i.e. before similar changes on the continent or in America, and the growing intolerance of the courts towards everyday violence. This study is invaluable reading to anyone interested in British political and legal history.

*Capital Punishment and the Criminal Corpse in Scotland, 1740-1834* - Rachel E Bennett 2020-10-08

This book provides the most in-depth study of capital punishment in Scotland between the mid-eighteenth and early nineteenth century to date. Based upon an extensive gathering and analysis of previously untapped resources, it takes the reader on a journey from the courtrooms of Scotland to the theatre of the gallows. It introduces them to several of the malefactors who faced the hangman's noose and explores the traditional hallmarks of the spectacle of the scaffold. It demonstrates that the period between 1740 and 1834 was one of discussion, debate and fundamental change in the use of the death sentence and how it was staged in practice. In addition, the study provides an innovative investigation of the post-mortem punishment of the criminal corpse. It offers the reader an insight into the scene at the foot of the gibbets from which criminal bodies were displayed, and around the dissection tables of Scotland's main universities where criminal bodies were used as cadavers for anatomical demonstration. In doing so it reveals an intermediate stage in the long-term disappearance of public bodily punishment. This work was published by Saint Philip Street Press pursuant to a Creative Commons license permitting commercial use. All rights not granted by the work's license are retained by the author or authors.

*Nineteenth-Century Crime and Punishment* - Victor Bailey 2021-07-26

This four volume collection looks at the essential issues concerning crime and punishment in the long nineteenth-century. Through the presentation of primary source documents, it explores the development of a modern pattern of crime and a modern system of penal policy and practice, illustrating the shift from

eighteenth century patterns of crime (including the clash between rural custom and law) and punishment (unsystematic, selective, public, and body-centred) to nineteenth century patterns of crime (urban, increasing, and a metaphor for social instability and moral decay, before a remarkable late-century crime decline) and punishment (reform-minded, soul-centred, penetrative, uniform and private in application). The first two volumes focus on crime itself and illustrate the role of the criminal courts, the rise and fall of crime, the causes of crime as understood by contemporary investigators, the police ways of 'knowing the criminal,' the role of 'moral panics,' and the definition of the 'criminal classes' and 'habitual offenders'. The final two volumes explore means of punishment and look at the shift from public and bodily punishments to transportation, the rise of the penitentiary, the convict prison system, and the late-century decline in the prison population and loss of faith in the prison.

**Crime and Society in England** - Clive Emsley 2013-09-13

Acknowledged as one of the best introductions to the history of crime in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, *Crime and Society in England 1750-1900* examines the developments in policing, the courts, and the penal system as England became increasingly industrialised and urbanised. The book challenges the old but still influential idea that crime can be attributed to the behaviour of a criminal class and that changes in the criminal justice system were principally the work of far-sighted, humanitarian reformers. In this fourth edition of his now classic account, Professor Emsley draws on new research that has shifted the focus from class to gender, from property crime to violent crime and towards media constructions of offenders, while still maintaining a balance with influential early work in the area. Wide-ranging and accessible, the new edition examines: the value of criminal statistics the effect that contemporary ideas about class and gender had on perceptions of criminality changes in the patterns of crime developments in policing and the spread of summary punishment the increasing formality of the courts the growth of the prison as the principal form of punishment and debates about the decline in corporal and capital punishments Thoroughly updated throughout, the fourth edition also includes, for the first time, illuminating contemporary illustrations.

**Punishment and Responsibility** - H. L. A. Hart 2008-03-06

This classic collection of essays, first published in 1968, has had an enduring impact on academic and public debates about criminal responsibility and criminal punishment. Forty years on, its arguments are as powerful as ever. H.L.A. Hart offers an alternative to retributive thinking about criminal punishment that nevertheless preserves the central distinction between guilt and innocence. He also provides an account of criminal responsibility that links the distinction between guilt and innocence closely to the ideal of the rule of law, and thereby attempts to by-pass unnerving debates about free will and determinism. Always engaged with live issues of law and public policy, Hart makes difficult philosophical puzzles accessible and immediate to a wide range of readers. For this new edition, otherwise a reproduction of the original, John Gardner adds an introduction engaging critically with Hart's arguments, and explaining the continuing importance of Hart's ideas in spite of the intervening revival of retributive thinking in both academic and policy circles. Unavailable for ten years, the new edition of *Punishment and Responsibility* makes available again the central text in the field for a new generation of academics, students and professionals engaged in criminal justice and penal policy.

**A History of Criminal Justice in England and Wales** - John Hostettler 2009-01

This brand new work charts all the main developments of criminal justice in England, from the genesis of Anglo-Saxon 'dooms' to the Common Law; struggles for political, legislative, and judicial ascendancy; and the formation of the modern-day Criminal Justice System and Ministry of Justice. Amongst a wealth of topics, the book looks at the Rule of Law, the development of the criminal courts, police forces, the jury, justices of the peace, and individual crimes and punishments. It locates all the iconic events of legal history and law and order within a wider background and context in a way that emphasizes the subject's wealth and depth. Contents include: Origins of Criminal Justice in Anglo-Saxon England • Saxon Dooms — Our Early Laws • The Norman Influence and The Angevin Legacy • Criminal Law in Medieval and Early Modern England • The Common Law in Danger • The Commonwealth • The Whig Supremacy and Adversary Trial • The Jury in the Eighteenth Century • Punishment and Prisons • Nineteenth Century Crime and Policing • Victorian Images • A Century of Criminal Law Reform • Criminal Incapacity • A Revolution in Procedure • Early Twentieth Century • Improvement after World War II • Twenty-First Century Regression? • The

Advent of Restorative Justice • Conclusion • Select Bibliography

**Crime and Punishment in American History** - Lawrence Friedman 2010-11-05

In a panoramic history of our criminal justice system from Colonial times to today, one of our foremost legal thinkers shows how America fashioned a system of crime and punishment in its own image.

**Literature and Crime in Augustan England** - Ian A. Bell 2020-01-08

Eighteenth-century England saw an explosion of writings about deviance. In literature, in the law, and in the press, writers returned again and again to the question of crime and criminals. While the extension of the legal system formalised the power of the state to categorise and punish 'deviance', writers repeatedly confronted the problematic nature of legal authority and the unstable idea of 'the criminal'. Some of this commentary was supportive, some was subversive and resistant, uncovering the complexity of issues the law sought to ignore. Originally published in 1991, Ian Bell's masterly investigation of the diverse representations of crime and legality in the Augustan period ranges widely across the contemporary press, involving court reports, philosophical writings, periodicals, biographies, pornography and polemics. Re-assessing the canonical texts of eighteenth-century 'Literature', Bell situates the work of Defoe, Hogarth, Gay, Swift, Pope, Richardson and Fielding in its social and political context.

**Victims and Viragos** - Gregory Durston 2007

This book considers the experiences of eighteenth-century women, in the Metropolitan area, as both the victims and perpetrators of a variety of crimes, and as participants, in different forms, in the era's criminal justice system. In doing so, it makes extensive use of primary as well as secondary sources. The book is written so as to be readily accessible to the general reader as well as to academics, and eschews the more arcane language that sometimes surrounds gendered subjects. The eight chapters are broad enough to cover an extensive range of crimes while remaining manageable in size. Vitaly, the book considers the impact of what was largely an urban, rather than rural, environment on women's lives, and how this affected their offending and victimisation patterns.

**Albion's Fatal Tree** - Douglas Hay 1977

In the popular imagination, informed as it is by Hogarth, Swift, Defoe and Fielding, the eighteenth-century underworld is a place of bawdy knockabout, rife with colourful eccentrics. But the artistic portrayals we have only hint at the dark reality. In this new edition of a classic collection of essays, renowned social historians from Britain and America examine the gangs of criminals who tore apart English society, while a criminal law of unexampled savagery struggled to maintain stability. Douglas Hay deals with the legal system that maintained the propertied classes, and in another essay shows it in brutal action against poachers; John G. Rule and Cal Winslow tell of smugglers and wreckers, showing how these activities formed a natural part of the life of traditional communities. Together with Peter Linebaugh's piece on the riots against the surgeons at Tyburn, and E. P. Thompson's illuminating work on anonymous threatening letters, these essays form a powerful contribution to the study of social tensions at a transformative and vibrant stage in English history. This new edition includes a new introduction by Winslow, Hay and Linebaugh, reflecting on the turning point in the social history of crime that the book represents

**Policing and Punishment in London 1660-1750** - J. M. Beattie 2001-07-26

This study examines the considerable changes that took place in the criminal justice system in the City of London in the century after the Restoration, well before the inauguration of the so-called 'age of reform'. The policing institutions of the City were transformed in response to the problems created by the rapid expansion of the metropolis during the early modern period, and as a consequence of the emergence of a polite urban culture. At the same time, the City authorities were instrumental in the establishment of new forms of punishment - particularly transportation to the American colonies and confinement at hard labour - that for the first time made secondary sanctions available to the English courts for convicted felons and diminished the reliance on the terror created by capital punishment. The book investigates why in the century after 1660 the elements of an alternative means of dealing with crime in urban society were emerging in policing, in the practices and procedures of prosecution, and in the establishment of new forms of punishment.

**Crime, Punishment, and Reform in Europe** - Louis A. Knafle 2003

Examines the history of crime, punishment, and reform in Europe from the 18th century onward.

**God's Courtier** - Marion White Singleton 2009-03-05

George Herbert is regarded as a metaphysical and at times a solely religious poet. In this book, Marion Singleton focuses on the relation between Herbert's poetry and the cultural background of his life. Singleton examines the style, structure and thematic basis of *The Temple* in the context of the Renaissance ideal of aristocratic courtliness. She provides a detailed study of Herbert's association with the literary tradition of the courtier and his strategic use of it in *The Temple*. *God's Courtier* touches upon issues of relevance not only to its nominal subject but also to the courtier poet tradition in general. Thus, it will interest literary historians as well as scholars of sixteenth- and seventeenth- century literature.

*Criminality and Narrative in Eighteenth-Century England* - Gladfelder 2003-04-01

Crime narratives, he argues, vividly embody the struggles of individuals to define their place in the suddenly unfamiliar world of modernity.

*The Oxford History of the Prison* - Norval Morris 1998

Ranging from ancient times to the present, a survey of the evolution of the prison explores its relationship to the history of Western criminal law and offers a look at the social world of prisoners over the centuries

*Policing and Punishment in Nineteenth Century Britain* - Victor Bailey 2015-08-20

In the years between 1750 and 1868, English criminal justice underwent significant changes. The two most crucial developments were the gradual establishment of an organised, regular police, and the emergence of new secondary punishments, following the restriction in the scope of the death penalty. In place of an ill-paid parish constabulary, functioning largely through a system of rewards and common informers, professional police institutions were given the task of executing a speedy and systematic enforcement of the criminal law. In lieu of the severe and capriciously-administered capital laws, a penalty structure based on a proportionality between the gravity of crimes and the severity of punishments was erected as arguably a

more effective deterrent of crime. This book, first published in 1981, examines the impact of these two important developments and casts new light on the way in which law enforcement evolved during the nineteenth century. This title will be of interest to students of history and criminology.

**Crime and Punishment in England** - Andrew Barrett 2005-08-03

Designed to complement "Crime and Punishment: An Introductory History" UCL Press, 1996, this sourcebook contains documents specifically selected to illuminate major issues raised in the textbook. In the first part of the book, extracts of laws and royal, local and church records from Anglo- Saxon England to the 18th century reveal changing patterns of crime and punishment. The first sociology of English crime Harman's Caveat, 1566 as well as Henry Fielding's reform proposals of the mid-eighteenth century are included and the growing use of imprisonment is reflected in the later sections.; The second part covers the 19th century. Documents range from commentaries on the day-to-day crimes of theft, drunkenness And Assault To The Sensationalism Of Garroting And Murder. Documents charting the impressive growth of the police force are included. Criminal justice is approached through the minutiae of police charge books and newspaper column's, the personal reminiscences of magistrates, the sweeping arguments of law reformers and the pleading voices of Petitioners For Mercy. In A Chapter On Punishment, The Emotions Unleashed by public hanging and transportation can be compared with the relentless monotony of prison life.

**Crime in Early Modern England 1550-1750** - James A Sharpe 2014-06-17

Still the only general survey of the topic available, this widely-used exploration of the incidence, causes and control of crime in Early Modern England throws a vivid light on the times. It uses court archives to capture vividly the everyday lives of people who would otherwise have left little mark on the historical record. This new edition - fully updated throughout - incorporates new thinking on many issues including gender and crime; changes in punishment; and literary perspectives on crime.