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There are few periods of British history so interesting as the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and Mr Patrick's fresh and lively survey brings to life the Stuart and Hanoverian world. His account of the struggle between Charles I and Parliament and of John Wilkes and liberty brings home to the reader that politics is something which concerns us all. Traditional history, including military history, is not neglected but there is a special emphasis on science and medicine and a fresh chapter on the impact of agricultural change on the countryside. Mr Patrick suggests vividly the texture of life for working men – farmers, even criminals – caught up in a developing society.

For this revised edition Mr Patrick has amended the chapter on agriculture in the light of recent research on enclosures. The booklists have been expanded, a map re-drawn and several pictures added.

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