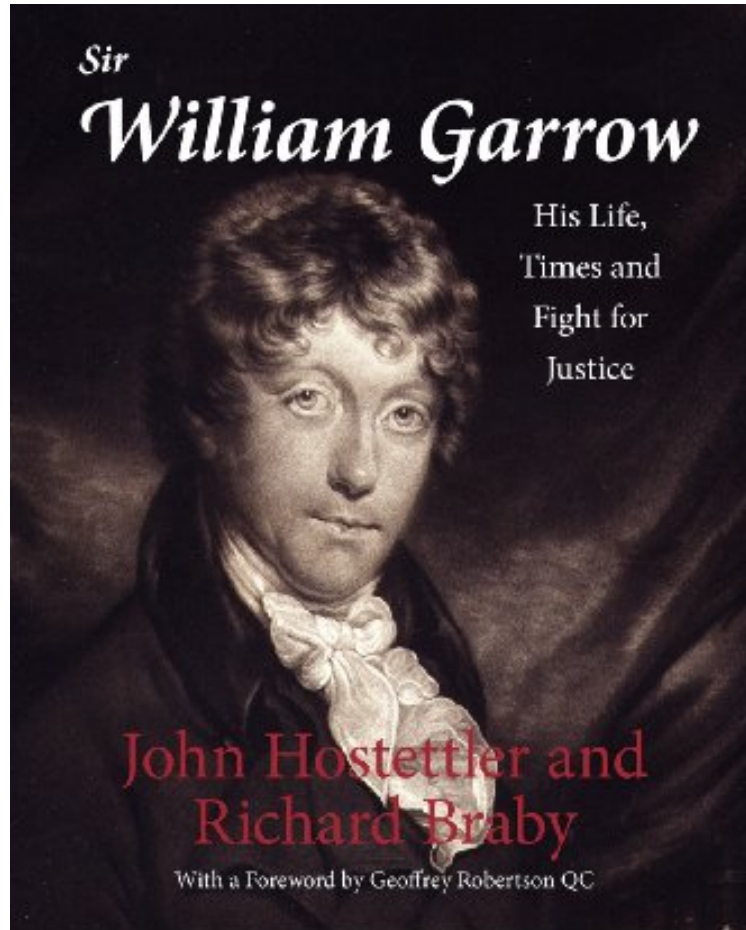


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of Sir William Garrow and the author John Hostettler wrote it brilliantly. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Wish there was more. By MARI truly wish that there was more known about this man and his life. The hope is that since the series and now with the extensive genealogy published at the end of this book that more information will come to light. I eagerly await that great biography. Still an exciting read and great insight in to a time when over 200 crimes carried the death penalty and children were hung for stealing a loaf of bread. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. You mean that guy on PBS was a real guy? That is exactly what I mean! By Gail Lelyveld Sir William Garrow was a real guy who had real kids and a wife and she used to be the wife of that guy that she had the baby with on Garrow's Law. Apparently all that travail she had on the show was made up to make the show dramatic. That baby grew up with Sarah and Will and his kids, as well as with the Marquis and his wife and his kids. The Marquis paid the expenses of raising the kid whose name was William Arthur Dore Hill. If you never saw the show, I bet you can get it from the library or .com. Back to the book. I recommend it to everybody. The problem is that it uses a lot of quotes from actual records of cases that happened anywhere between 1783-1832. I thought it was fun reading them, but it may not be for everybody. It talks about Sarah being married to Arthur Hill, Viscount Fairford who went on to become a Marquess. I forget of what, but he became one of the richest people in the United Kingdom at the time. According to the book Sarah was not good enough so the family had the marriage annulled leaving the field open to William Garrow. Garrow through his way of handling the defense of his clients started England on its way to having Adversarial Trials which made more rights to the defendant. It is interesting to note the idea traveled to the United States in time to be included in our Bill of Rights. One also hears about Garrow going over to the "dark side", joining the government. At this time he was involved in treason trials. He would not support planters from the colonies in the Caribbean in their slavery cases. The Government was working to end Slavery when he joined. Now there is a lot on family because one of the writers of this is a direct descendent, Richard Braby. This is a really interesting family. One of the children of one of Garrow's older brothers married into the Trollope family, yeah that Trollope family, and became a writer and in that way became a hero of the Italian Revolution. Read this book. It is an education in itself.

Sir William Garrow was born in Middlesex, England in 1760. He entered the legal profession and became the dominant figure at Old Bailey - London's Central Criminal Court - from 1783 to 1793. Later on, he was a Member of Parliament, a Solicitor-General, an Attorney-General, and, finally, a judge and a lawmaker within the English Common Law Tradition. Aside from BBC1 TV's prime-time drama series Garrow's Law, the story of Sir William Garrow's unique contribution to the development of English law and Parliamentary affairs is little known by the general public. This book tells the real story of the man behind the drama. Garrow dared to challenge the entrenched legal ways and means. His 'gifts to the world' include altering the relationship between judge and jury (the former had until then dominated over the latter in criminal trials), helping to forge the presumption of innocence, rules of evidence, and ensuring a general right to put forward a defense using a trained lawyer. He gave new meaning to the trial advocate's forensic art of cross-examination, later diverting skills honed as a radical to help the Crown when it was faced with alleged plots, treason, and sedition. In this generous work - now available in paperback - well-known legal historian and biographer John Hostettler and family storyteller Richard Braby (a descendant of Garrow) combine their skills and experience to produce a gem of a book. The lost story of Sir William Garrow and its rediscovery will prove enlightening for professional and general readers alike and provides an invaluable 'missing-link' for legal and social historians. It is also a remarkable work of genealogical research which will register strongly with family historians.

'A Law book yes, but boring no, a delight to read': Internet Law Book s. 'Without the pioneering work of William Garrow, the legal system would be stuck in the Middle Ages': Radio Times 'Garrow can truly be said to have revolutionised the practice of criminal law': Geoffrey Robertson QC (from the Foreword). 'A blockbuster of a book': Phillip Taylor MBE of Richmond Green Chambers. '[Hostettler and Braby's] definitive biography ... is informative, entertaining and a really good read, and in the process rescues Garrow from undeserved obscurity': Littlehampton Gazette About the Author John Hostettler was a solicitor in London for thirty-five years as well as undertaking political and civil liberties cases in Nigeria, Germany and Aden. He played a lead role in the abolition of flogging in British colonial prisons and is a former magistrate. His earlier books embrace several biographical and historical works, including about the lives of Thomas Wakley, Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, Thomas Erskine, Sir Edward Carson, Sir Edward Coke, Lord Halsbury and Sir Matthew Hale. His books for Waterside Press include The Criminal Jury Old and New; Fighting for Justice: The History and Origins of Adversary Trial; Hanging in the Balance: A History of the Abolition of Capital Punishment in Britain (with Dr Brian P. Block); and, most recently, A History of Criminal Justice in England and Wales. Richard Braby is a direct descendent of Sir William Garrow and as an avocation is a family story teller. He collects and preserves the stories of his family's ancestors. Now retired, his career was conducting educational research during the emergence of the personal computer. Dr. Braby is an author of over 50 technical publications, and was a long time member of the Human Factors Society. He is a graduate of Columbia University, New York City where he specialized in the design of instructional materials. Geoffrey Robertson QC defended at the

Old Bailey in such notable trials as that of Oz magazine, Peter Hain, John Stonehouse, the ABC Official Secrets case, Gay News and the Matrix Churchill 'Iraqgate' trial, as well as in IRA and other terrorist cases. He developed a pro bono practice defending at the Privy Council men condemned to death in Commonwealth courts. He is the founding head of Doughty Street Chambers, a Recorder and a bencher of the Middle Temple. He served as the First President of the UN Special Court for Sierra Leone and is a member of the UN Justice Council. His books include *The Justice Game* - a memoir of some of his notable trials - and *The Tyrannicide Brief* - an account of how Cromwell's lawyers brought the King to justice.