

The Trouble With Ownership: Literary Property And Authorial Liability In England, 1660-1730

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The early, indeed pre-, history of copyright continues to attract researchers, many of them scholars possessed, as Bill Cornish has put it, "of formidable polish". Jody Greene's absorbing book will add her name to the list of such figures, albeit that not all will agree with the conclusions which she draws from her source material. Dr Greene sets out to counter what she sees as the conventional wisdom, in which the Copyright Act 1709 (the Statute of Anne) marks a shift in the legal regulation of publishing, from censorship and State control, to a world of authors' and publishers' property rights in which, within very broad limits, freedom of expression prevailed. In place of this, argues Dr Greene, we should rather see, first, a pre-Statute regime in which the State sought, generally in vain, to pin upon authors responsibility – usually criminal – for what they published; with, second, the effect of the 1709 Act being to make authors claim responsibility by giving them inducements, in the shape of new rights, to put their names to their published writings. Yet authors continued throughout the whole period under review to refuse to "own their books" (the ambiguity of which phrase is nicely played with in Dr Greene's text). The thesis is illustrated with many fascinating examples from either side of the great divide of 1709. From the earlier period, perhaps the most memorable case is that of the Catholic midwife, Elizabeth Cellier, who in 1680 was convicted of treason for writing and publishing a pamphlet called *Malice Defeated*, in which she celebrated in rather too high a fashion the earlier failure of the authorities to have her convicted of participation

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