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Introduction
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The Introduction looks at the situation in which family law finds itself today. The foundation of family life — marriage, parenthood, and childhood — has been undergoing rapid transformation and family law has had to adapt to this. Family law is an interesting area of study; it aims to turn the chaos in people's family lives into order. However, the law is often in a situation in this area where there is no answer that leaves all parties happy.

1. Marriage, civil partnership, and cohabitation
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‘Marriage, civil partnership, and cohabitation’ examines the changes that have recently taken place in the composition and nature of the family unit and asks: what is a family? Over recent decades, the definition has broadened and the word family has come to have greater significance. What is marriage? There is no single correct definition. The law needs to be clear that it is seeking to define a legal understanding of marriage. Perhaps we need a ‘sexless family law’: one where the central focus of the law is not on sexual relationship, but the care given within that relationship.

Family Law: A Very Short Introduction
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Family Law: A Very Short Introduction provides insight not only into what family law is, but why it is the way it is. How have laws had to respond to social changes in family life? The last few decades have seen rising divorce rates and an increase in the use of surrogate mothers. How do family courts deal with the chaos of modern family life? Family law has recently been challenged to keep up-to-date with the social and scientific changes which
affect it. What is a family? What makes someone a parent? What rights should children have? What will families look like in the years ahead? What new dilemmas will the courts face?