Preface		vii
	Part I	
Kingdom	and Colony: The Mythology of Race (Pre-history to 1	948)
Chapter 1	Multiple Migrations	,3
	Part II	
Domin	tion to Republic: The Politics of Language (1948-1977)	)
Chapter 2	Developing Majorities	17
	Part III	
The	New Monarch: Jayewardene in Control (1977-1983)	
Chapter 3	Consolidating the New Regime	37
Chapter 4	The Proliferation of Violence	52
Chapter 5	Tightening the Reins	61
	Part IV	
The I	New Dominion: India in the Driving Seat (1983–1987)	
Chapter 6	The Bang and the Whimpers	77
Chapter 7	Raising the Stakes	88
Chapter 8	Holding the Centre	99
	Part V	
Chang	ging the Guard: Premadasa's Emergence (1987–1989)	
Chapter 9	The Accord in Action	119
Chapter 10	The Façade Cracks	131
Chapter 11	The Last Hurrah	141

Contents

Part VI	
Using the Executive Presidency: Premadasa in Action (1989-199	93)
Chapter 12 Controlling the Country	159
Chapter 13 Reform and Reaction	176
Chapter 14 Restoring the Balance	187
Part VII	
Using the Spoon: Wijetunge as President (1993-1994)	
Chapter 15 The New Dispensation	197
Chapter 16 Internal Combustion	208
Chapter 17 The End of a Long Road	218
Part VIII	
The Procrastination of a Princess:	
Kumaratunga in charge (1994–2001)	
Chapter 18 Wasted Years	233
Chapter 19 Hurried Elections	243
Part IX	
The Baby without the Bathwater:	
Wickremesinghe as Prime Minister (2001–2004)	
Chapter 20 Jayewardene's Heir	255
Chapter 21 The Tiger's Tail	264
Part X	
Guarding the Change: Rajapakse's Emergence (2004-2006)	
Chapter 22 The General Election of 2004	277
Chapter 23 Kumaratunga under Siege	287
Chapter 24 The New Regime	300
Select Bibliography	313
Index	317