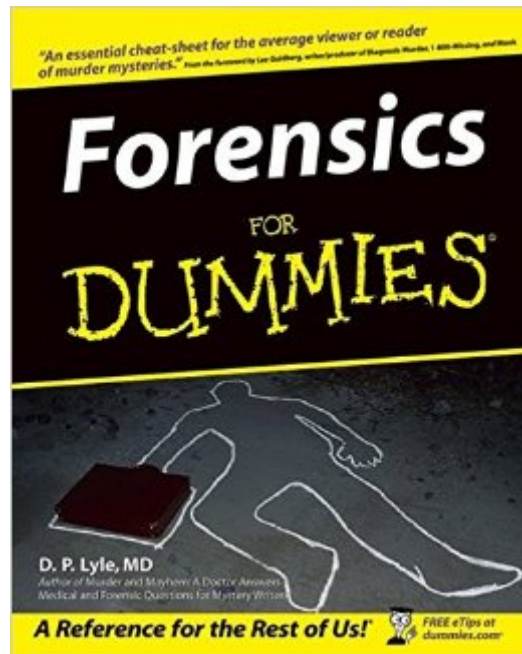


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# Forensics For Dummies



## Synopsis

A plain-English primer on crime scene investigation that's a must for fans of CSI or Patricia Cornwell. Since the O. J. Simpson case, popular interest in forensic science has exploded: CBS's CSI has 16 to 26 million viewers every week, and Patricia Cornwell's novels featuring a medical examiner sleuth routinely top bestseller lists, to cite just a few examples. Now, everyone can get the lowdown on the science behind crime scene investigations. Using lots of fascinating case studies, forensics expert Dr. D. P. Lyle clues people in on everything from determining cause and time of death to fingerprints, fibers, blood, ballistics, forensic computing, and forensic psychology. With its clear, entertaining explanations of forensic procedures and techniques, this book will be an indispensable reference for mystery fans and true crime aficionados everywhere-and even includes advice for people interested in forensic science careers. D. P. Lyle, MD (Laguna Hills, CA), is a practicing cardiologist who is also a forensics expert and mystery writer. He runs a Web site that answers writers' questions about forensics, [dplylemd.com](http://dplylemd.com), and is the author of *Murder and Mayhem: A Doctor Answers Medical and Forensic Questions for Writers*, as well as several mystery novels. John Pless, MD, is Professor Emeritus of Pathology at Indiana University School of Medicine and former President of the National Association of Medical Examiners.

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As with all the "for Dummies" books, Forensics for Dummies is a great, quick reference and a wonderful starting point for anyone interested in the field. Written by a doctor and full of information that will surely entice anyone who is a fan of crime investigation shows, the book is laid out well and progresses through the entire method used by forensic scientists. However, this book is only a starting point for anyone seriously interested in pursuing a career in forensics. It makes a handy reference for writers, as well, but those who are interested in making their crime-oriented stories come to life would do well to find another source for in-depth information.

Any "for Dummies" book is a helpful tool for the subject you are interested in; so when I reached the end of this one, it came as no surprise the feeling of satisfaction and excitement that I had about this particular purchase. Being a current student of forensic science myself, any basic information and knowledge that I received from this book will help with my future plans in this field.

"Forensics for Dummies" has been nominated for an Edgar Award. This is no surprise as it is the very best reference published. This book will answer all of your questions and entertain you every step of the way!

As instructor of criminal justice, I find this book remarkable for its clear, simple yet thorough explanation of the basics of forensic science. This book makes a somewhat complicated subject easy for the student to grasp and comprehend. A great supplement to any textbook on this subject.

This book is a bit dated in terms of the technology currently in use, but it's well researched and written. The layout is sensible and it's perfect for writers who want to know more about forensics without having to take a course. Just about any time you open randomly to a page, chances are good you will learn something. It's well worth the money. Highly recommend it.

This book is really not worth the trouble of reading. Yes, there is basic info and that is what I

expected. But far less info than I was hoping for. It is not a book you want to purchase, check it out from the library.

I bought this as research for my writing. I want to write a story or stories that involve crime scene investigations and autopsy results and related matters. For a person who knows nothing about this sort of thing except from television dramas, this book is very helpful. Over the years I have found these "Dummies" books to be a great resource for learning the basics of any subject. Whatever it is you want to get a handle on, these books are a good place to start. The language is easy. The books assume that you are starting from scratch. If you find you want to get deeper into a subject, they will point you in the right direction.

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