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# Criminal Behavior: A Psychological Approach (9th Edition)





## Synopsis

CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR: A PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH, 9/e approaches the understanding of delinquent and criminal behavior from a psychological perspectiveâ "with particular focus on the developmental, cognitive-behavioral aspects of offending. Viewing the juvenile and adult offender as being embedded and continually influenced by multiple systems, it highlights how psychological, social, economic, political and ecological factors all play a role in influencing individual behavior. Streamlined in this edition, it offers a separate chapter on delinquency, updated examples and more on the link between psychology and specific crimes.

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Kindle version is very useful for using for class, as it supports full-text search - which is extremely useful during research for papers or open-book tests. The content of the book... it's for class, so you have to get it. In my opinion, however, the Bartol's seem to explain away all sense of personal responsibility for criminal acts - these criminals are never a criminal by choice - it's always some external factor that drove them to criminal behavior. Granted the book is a discussion of why criminals become criminals, in the process, it seems to skip over the fact that some people simply want to be one.

Great book. I used a prior edition for another class and had to buy this updated version. Not much has changed, it's just a great book based in science and statistics, not crammed with baseless filler

theories. Text is loaded with data. I love it.

Sending it back, will probably order again because table of contents looked super interesting. Happy with and how easy it is to ensure things are correct. (I'm not too picky when I get a textbook for \$6)

Great condition. It saved me a lot of money using Prime the last year so when it came to buying text books I was always happy to buy them from and this book didn't disappoint. It was just what I needed for class at a fraction of the cost. The best part about this book, unlike some Criminal Justice books, is I'm going to keep it as reference for the future. It's worth more to me educationally than it is monetarily.

I decided to purchase this book instead of renting it because it sheds light on a variety of topics, especially if you're a criminal justice/psychology/sociology/humanity/communication---even a human resource major would benefit from this book. I am a forensic psychology major with a minor in law so I will be using this book not only for my bachelors degree, but also for graduate studies as well.

Fantastic! This edition has been updated with newer stats and current research. I used a much older edition of this book 20+ years ago when I took the class Criminal Behavior from Dr. Curt Bartol himself... and now use this newer edition to teach my own class. While I certainly can't deliver with same pizzazz and flair as Dr. Bartol, my students are receiving the same valuable knowledge through the text.

Great book. Well documented and written is a nontechnical, jargon-free style that is easy to read. After purchasing the 9th edition, I discovered that a 10th edition is now available. I quickly ordered the 10th edition and look forward to reading it as well.

Great resource and is impressively up to date. I got it for a class but found it's also great for crafting great criminals in my writing.

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