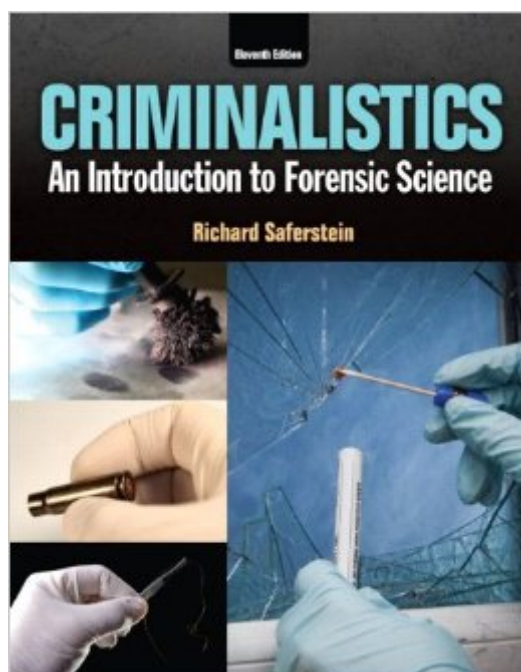


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- Outstanding pedagogical features: Supports both teaching and learning

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As textbooks go this is without a doubt the best one that I have ever used. This book manages to explain complicated things such as DNA, and other techniques, and tests that are used during the course of an investigation in simple terms that are easy to understand. Especially if you are new to the idea of Forensic Science. Simple explanations, with colored pictures, diagrams, and case studies help show how different tests, evidence collection, and other aspects of Forensic's are used to help "catch" the bad guy. Again easy to read and understand. Well worth the purchase, you will learn a lot!

This is without any doubt, in my opinion, the best book ever written on criminalistics. Not there are not any other great books on the subject, however this is the greatest. It is surprisingly comprehensible considering the complexity of some of the topics involved. The photographs and drawings are crystal clear. In addition I especially like the test at the end of each section that I feel is necessary to help the reader realize his knowledge, (or lack of knowledge) of that section.

This book provides an enormous amount of information that is useful for both the experienced forensic scientist and the student who is just starting in the field.

This was used as a text book for an Australian university and it was incredibly handy! Really helps understand the basic principles behind forensic science! There are multiple case studies that relate to each aspect the book talks about, e.g fingerprinting, physical evidence ETC... Very easy to read and enjoyable! A must have for beginners!

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Bought this book for a biology class I was taking. It is very interesting with lots of cases to review and make you think. Only con is that I didn't get the "mycrimekit" registration number that should have come with the book. If you are buying this book, you want to make sure you get that number as well so you can go online and access more information.

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