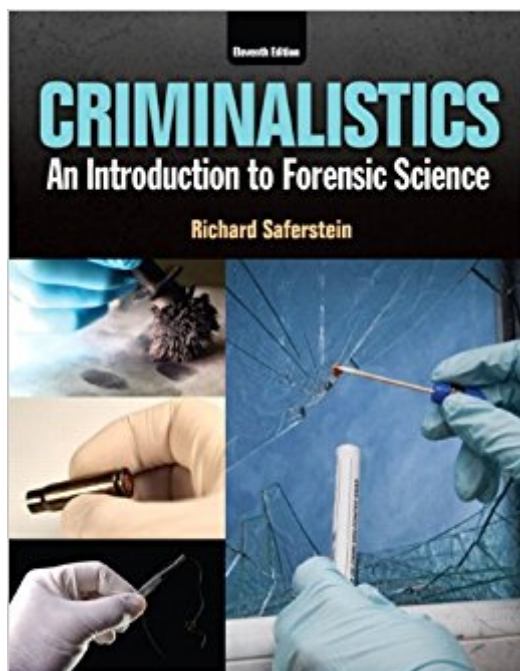


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# Criminalistics: An Introduction To Forensic Science (11th Edition)



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This best-selling text, written for the non-scientist, is appropriate for a wide variety of students, including criminal justice, law enforcement, law, and more! **Criminalistics: An Introduction to Forensic Science, 11e**, strives to make the technology of the modern crime laboratory clear and comprehensible to the non-scientist. The nature of physical evidence is defined, and the limitations that technology and current knowledge impose on its individualization and characterization are examined. By combining case stories with applicable technology, **Criminalistics** endeavors to capture the pulse and fervor of forensic science investigations. A major portion of the text centers on discussions of the common items of physical evidence encountered at crime scenes. These chapters include descriptions of forensic analysis, as well as updated techniques for the proper collection and preservation of evidence at crime scenes. Particular attention is paid to the meaning and role of probability in interpreting the evidential significance of scientifically evaluated evidence.

**Teaching and Learning** Written by a well-known authority in forensic science, this text introduces the non-scientific student to the field of forensic science. It provides:

- Clear and comprehensible writing for the non-scientific student: Makes text appropriate for a wide variety of students, including criminal justice, law enforcement, and more
- Comprehensive, up-to-date coverage of forensics and its role in criminal investigation: Captures the pulse and intensity of forensic science investigations and the attention of the busiest student
- Outstanding pedagogical features: Supports both teaching and learning

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Criminalistics is obviously for a student or professor interested in forensics. This is a standard text, maybe written a little better than some. The problem with all of these kinds of textbooks is that it is out of date a few days after you receive it...the book is already in it's next edition! What I don't understand is, does the field of criminalistics change all that much so quickly? I understand that improvements and innovations in technology happen rapidly, but in looking at this text you wonder what it is that changed. While it is a good text, covering all the essentials of criminalistics, I'm not sure it's worth the price. It would be better to rent this text from some source if you really like it rather than purchase it outright.

The book itself is awesome. But do not buy this version that comes with the MyCJLab. The publisher (Pearson) only grants access for customers who have purchased from Pearson directly. I just spent 2 hours of dealing with customer service to find this out. Ugh!

I bought this book as a refresher since it's been so long since I took a forensic course in school. It was comprehensive with topics covering trace evidence, DNA, firearms, fingerprints, etc. While not described in depth, this book provides introductions to these fields and is easily understandable (in my opinion) for someone with an interest in forensics.

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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This is a useful tool for anyone looking to study Forensic Science in the world of Criminal Justice. I would highly recommend this book to anyone taking such a course. All of the information you need is there in the text, in an easy to read format.

I had to get this book for one of my classes at the University level. I rented this book and I deeply regret it! I wish that I would have bought it just so that I could keep it! All the information was clear and the pictures really made it easy to understand!

Interesting book, although it was a little different from the book I actually needed and couldn't find at the moment, but this book was as good as the newer edition. Great book it helped a lot with my Forensic Science class.

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