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*For introductory courses in Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation*

**A clear introduction to the technology of the modern crime laboratory for non-scientists**

***Criminalistics: An Introduction to Forensic Science, Twelfth Edition***, uses clear writing, case stories, and modern technology to capture the pulse and fervor of forensic science investigations. Written for readers with no scientific background, only the most relevant scientific and technological concepts are presented. The nature of physical evidence is defined, and the limitations that technology and current knowledge impose on its individualization and characterization are examined. A major portion of the text centers on discussions of the common items of physical evidence encountered at crime scenes. Particular attention is paid to the meaning and role of probability in interpreting the evidential significance of scientifically evaluated evidence. Updated throughout, the **Twelfth Edition** includes **a new chapter on the exciting field of forensic biometrics**. With its easy-to-understand writing and straightforward presentation, this best-selling text is clear and comprehensible to a wide variety of students.

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### **innae says**

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I read an earlier edition while in college...finished this one in preparation for my certification test tomorrow. Lots of good info, but the computer sections are already out dated...

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### **Matthew says**

This book is the second of only two of my college text books that I have enjoyed reading. This book delves into the "lab-work" side of criminal justice. The science behind some of the techniques and procedures is wild! Really exciting read!!! (If you're into this sort of thing.)

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### **Donn says**

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### **Reginald Finley says**

A really good textbook for general forensics. If you have a background in physical science and biology, you should find it quite familiar and if new to Forensics, fascinating. I highly recommend supplementing with Gardner's Practical Crime Scene Processing and Investigation to get a more down-to-Earth and practical outlook.

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### **Colleen says**

This textbook offers a great overview for an introductory forensic science course; every major segment of forensic science is covered to some degree - entomology, fire examination, firearms, bloodstain analysis, etc. The case studies are really interesting, too, and there are a lot of websites recommended that you can check out.

For people wanting to know just the general basics of what forensic scientists do, Saferstein has written a good jumping-off point. You'll want to read other books and take courses, though, if you want a proper in-depth look at the subject matter, because with some things he merely scratches the surface, and with others he suggests somewhat questionable methods.

For example, in discussing the collection of bullets at a crime scene, he suggests that the investigator put

their initials either at the base of the bullet or on the nose of the bullet. While it's really not the best idea to mark such small evidence as a bullet directly, you should never - I repeat, NEVER - make any kind of mark to the nose or sides of bullets recovered at a crime scene. In doing so, you are completely destroying or at least contaminating any trace evidence that could have been recovered and analyzed microscopically. And with a bullet that has been fired, there will ALWAYS be something on the nose for the microscopist. So while Saferstein suggests initialling these items, do the trace evidence and firearms examiners back at the lab a favor and just bag it up and fill out the form.

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### **Lisa says**

It's a fairly typical college course book but it's readable and interesting and has been a great source of information for my own writing.

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### **Ann says**

Even though this book was required reading for my Forensic Science class, I found it absolutely fascinating. I had no idea how in depth the Crime Scene Unit investigators get when it comes to collecting data, transporting that data and then passing it off to the forensic scientist for analyzing. The crimes that have been solved through the talents of individuals who perform forensic science on a daily basis is amazing to me. I realize this book is considered a "textbook", but if you ever want to find out what law enforcement has to go through to solve a crime, I think you might find this an interesting read.

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### **Bradley America says**

I was sad over having to return this to the textbook rental place.

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### **Jini says**

A decent book I had for one of my classes, but I don't think it went far enough in some of its explanations. I seem to remember there being a lot of supplemental material we had in powerpoint presentations for class.

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### **Drew says**

One of the best forensic science textbooks available. Highly recommended.

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### **Thomas Dejewski says**

A very informative read. a wealth of information. A tough read that is very science oriented. It took me a great deal of time to outline each chapter for class, but the book had great chapter outlines, nice pictures.

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### **Daniel Goff says**

makes forensics look easy!

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### **Linda says**

I took a course in Forensics from Coursera recently and this was one of the suggested "textbooks."

I'm REALLY glad that I got it because not only does it nicely complement the course, but it's a great learning experience on its own.

It can be read as a book rather than a textbook - in fact, I think the chapter summaries and the Questions at the end of each chapter are not at all good - but the information contained in the chapters is clear and very understandable, even when they are somewhat complicated scientific ideas.

So, if you have the time and the discipline to read a textbook like a "real" book and you're into forensics, check it out. You can get this and earlier editions online for a reasonable price (or I wouldn't have ordered it!!!!).

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### **Jenny says**

The class was awesome, but the book was a little lacking in terms of really comprehensive information. Forensic Science still rocks!

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