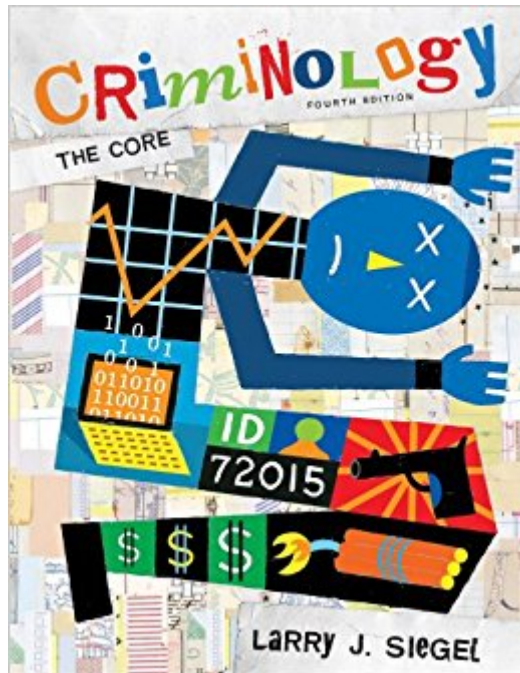


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Customer Reviews

Larry J. Siegel was born in the Bronx in 1947. While living on Jerome Avenue and attending City College of New York (CCNY) in the 1960s, he was swept up in the social and political currents of the time. He became intrigued with the influence contemporary culture had on individual behavior: Did people shape society or did society shape people? He applied his interest in social forces and human behavior to the study of crime and justice. After graduating from CCNY, he attended the criminal justice program at the State University of New York at Albany, earning his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees there. Dr. Siegel began his teaching career at Northeastern University and has also held teaching positions at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire and in the School of Criminology and Justice Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell (UML). Now a Professor Emeritus, he continues to teach courses on Criminology and Criminal Justice in UML'S online master's degree program. Dr. Siegel has written extensively in the area of

crime and justice, including books on juvenile law, delinquency, criminology, corrections, criminal justice and criminal procedure. He is a court certified expert on police conduct and has testified in numerous legal cases.

I loved this book. It was easy to read and the concepts were understandable. The information was relevant to today and the examples were on events that happened recently. When I say recently I mean that the examples they use are dated past the 1900s. Since my criminology class was online, my teacher made us read a chapter and then have us take a test. Usually I have trouble with reading something without the professor explaining the topic. That was not the case with this book. There were very concise explanations that were easy to digest. Textbooks that I have used in the past are crammed with so much information that you can't get the main point from them. More textbooks should be like this one. I purchased the used version of this book. When dealing with used books, generally I always get the ones that have markings in them from the previous user. This was not the case when I opened this book. It seemed like it was practically untouched. It almost looked as if it was brand new. The book's cover looked fine as well. There was a bend in mine but it did not matter. The inside contents were unharmed and readable. The price for it was excellent too! If you are required to get a copy, get it here. It will save you a very good amount of money if you purchase the book here. It was cheaper than the other place I was about to get it from. Even if you are not taking a course in criminology, this book is still a good read for those interested in this topic. It was a good read and I actually learned something from it. I rarely say that about a textbook so take my word for it.

I was really excited about purchasing this textbook on my Kindle Fire. I found the ease of transport to be a top consideration. However, the novelty soon wore off for me. This may be just a quirk for me but I found the formatting for the digital edition to be distracting. My guess is that the hard copy is formatted with a central column of text and side margins for vocabulary and key points, I don't know for sure, I haven't actually looked at a physical textbook. I found that in the digital edition the key points, vocabulary, and photographs would sometimes be tossed into the text in the middle of the paragraph which for me was distracting and made me lose my train of thought and I would often read the insert and then have to backtrack and re-read the few sentences before and skip the inserted text to maintain the flow of the content. I think from now on I will stick to pleasure reads for my Kindle and continue to buy/rent hard copy textbooks.

Awesome!!

Thanks

It seems awfully fascinating how customers have only reviewed the "seller" and "shipping" of the book rather than the actual content of Criminology by Siegel. In any case, I've been using this for my Theories of Crime and Delinquency class at SJSU. It's a very dense book, I must say first off. It covers a lot of material in a seemingly short amount of time, but it's a very detailed and enlightening book. In an almost narrative and interesting format, since the author seems to be talking to you in a very colloquial tone. I enjoyed that. However, I felt that a lot of the material could be cut down as well, as there was too much information to navigate through to understand the core concepts. For me, if I understand the core concepts, I'm pretty much set. At times, the material seems to wander off. Overall, this isn't the worst textbook ever published. It's a fairly decent read. But it could be better.

did its duty at school.

Loved this book; read it cover-to-cover. It talks about complex issues in a way that is clear to understand, yet also well-written enough to keep your attention. In this book, you will discover the the history behind the study of criminality, what motivates it and what personal & social circumstances contribute to criminal behavior. The content inherently brings to light many current socio-economic issues, posing questions and begging the reader to consider what steps can be taken to help improve our constantly changing society.

When I ordered this book I was under the impression that it was in good condition, but upon receiving the book, I noticed pages were not attached and were just put back in to look like they were attached. Also the book had so much writing and highlighters all over that it was sometimes hard to follow along. I believe the seller was deceitful when he/she sold the book; however for the price it was okay. It served its purpose and saved me money.

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