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## POLICE SCIENCE BOOK REVIEWS

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THE EVIDENCE HANDBOOK FOR POLICE, by *Franklin M. Kreml*. Edited by David G. Monroe. Published by Northwestern University Traffic Institute with the cooperation of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Safety Division. (Evanston, Illinois, 1943). Pp. 148. \$2.00.

In an introduction to this manual, the late John H. Wigmore, Dean Emeritus of Northwestern University and outstanding authority on evidence, likened a police officer to a surgeon's assistant at a major operation, who, knowing in advance the type of the expected operation, must prepare and have ready the precise instruments and other suitable materials which the surgeon will need. A body of evidence data, well collected and arranged beforehand by the police officer, is an essential aid to the prosecuting attorney's effective presentation of the case to court and jury. The police officer should have, therefore, at least an elementary and yet practical acquaintance with the rules of evidence.

In the reviewer's opinion the *Evidence Handbook for Police* is the source of this elementary acquaintance, written in a most practical manner, with enough historical background to develop in the reader a proper interest and appreciation for the otherwise seemingly senseless obscurities of trial procedure. The author points out the numerous treatises and endless volume on evidence—all written for the legal mind—and the pitiful lack a policeman's book of evidence, but Lieutenant Kreml has definitely filled this gap in the police officer's "Five-foot Book Shelf of Knowledge" with the *Evidence Handbook for Police*.

The author concedes that it does not contain all the information on evidence that a police officer should know, but a knowledge of the subject matter contained in the nine chapters, together with a reasonable amount of court experience in the use and application of these principles would develop the type of police officer any prosecuting attorney would be happy to work with and a witness any attorney would be pleased to interrogate.

The first chapter defines and describes the types of evidence, explains the three general tests of admissibility—relevancy, materiality and competency; discusses judicial notice and burden of proof, and outlines presumptions of law and presumptions of fact.

Two complete chapters are given to the explanation of the hearsay rule and its exceptions. The matter of admissions and confessions is broken down into headings of expressed confessions, tacit confessions and conversations in the presence of the defendant.

Several pages are devoted to the underlying philosophy as well as the elements of dying declarations, followed by a section that should be well-read and understood by police officers—the *res gestae* exception to the hearsay rule, a difficult enough principle to grasp in law school but herein set forth in simple language and accompanied by concrete examples of the application of the rule.

There is ample discussion of those other exceptions to the hearsay rule, namely, public records and reports, entries made in the course of business, matters of pedigree and reported testimony.

Separate chapters deal with the best evidence rule, the principles governing the establishment of the corpus delicti and opinion evidence. The

book concludes with an excellent section on admissibility of real evidence, taking into consideration the privilege against self-incrimination as applied to fingerprints, photographs, handwriting, scars, the lie detector, etc., and a companion chapter on circumstantial evidence.

Almost two hundred well-chosen citations of Supreme Court decisions from all states of the Union reflect typical police situations and the text is abundantly interspersed throughout with pointed examples which tend to fix firmly in the mind of the reader the principles of law set forth.

To the reviewer, this book is a "must" for every police officer desirous of fulfilling the requirements of his profession.

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EAGLE POLICE MANUAL. Fifth Edition. Edited by Arthur R. Macoskey. Published by The Eagle Library, Inc., Eagle Building (Brooklyn, N. Y., 1943). Pp. 128. \$1.00.

In this fifth edition of the *Eagle Police Manual* an effort has been made here to set forth as briefly as possible the most important matters with which all police should be familiar. This reviewer would recommend that this book be read by all patrolmen and police recruits. However, patrolmen and recruits who are members of a police department having an adequate recruit and in-service school, this book would have only little value.

About everything embodied in the manual is elementary and should be part of the class work in any modern comprehensive police recruit school. The *Eagle Police Manual* gives us a brief resumé of the following subject matter: Firearms, Conduct, Bombs, Evidence, Investigation, Radio, First Aid, Jujitsu, a section on Police Questions and Answers, and one on Definitions of Legal Terms.

For the individual about to take an examination as a patrolman, the book should be invaluable. Despite this book's excellence and usefulness there is a great need for a manual much wider in scope and more comprehensive covering Duties, Principles of Law, Powers, Rights of Citizens, etc. Perhaps after the war one of the colleges having courses in instruction in police science and administration will assume the responsibility for the preparation and publication of such a much needed manual.

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THE F. B. I. IN PEACE AND WAR, by *Frederick L. Collins*, with a Foreword by J. Edgar Hoover. G. P. Putnam's Sons (New York, 1943). Pp. xix, 297. \$3.00.

To know the F. B. I. is to respect it as the most efficient law enforcement organization in the world. To be acquainted with and to know intimately the men of the F. B. I. is truly one of life's big gifts. The more that one is privileged to know the members of this organization the more profound is one's respect and admiration for them. That statement covers a lot of territory, but it is a plain simple fact. So, if Mr. Collins seems to be biased in his views, it is something that can be understood.

The story of the F. B. I. organization is one of the marvels of our age. To organize a law enforcement agency from scratch is a very hard thing to do, but the job Mr. Hoover had to do was much more than that. He had

to overcome the difficulties inherent to a lax agency before he could even begin to gather the fine personnel that he has in the F. B. I. With this he had to contend with that bane of police executives' lines, the influence of venal politicians. That he accomplished the seemingly impossible task, and that he has done it in such a manner as to gain world-wide respect, is, as Mr. Collins so ably records, not the result of an accident, but rather it is the result of the efforts of a courageous man who could and did battle down all the opposition that he met. Mr. Hoover has set a standard for every police executive—that is worthy of the name—to emulate.

Mr. Collins, in telling the story of the F. B. I., starts at the beginning of Mr. Hoover's association with the organization. From this beginning he acquaints the reader with the problems that faced Mr. Hoover at that time and later when the jurisdiction of the F. B. I. was greatly enlarged. Then he goes on to tell what the F. B. I. is, what it does, the kind of criminal investigations it conducts and the added wartime duties. Mr. Collins uses case histories that have had little previous publicity to illustrate the manifold duties of this organization.

When the historians write the story of this war many pages will be devoted to the heroic acts of the F. B. I. When the full story can be told the reading public will have some of the most thrilling accounts ever recorded to peruse. Until that time we will have to be satisfied with the stories that are now part of the court records. Mr. Collins, of course, has had to limit his writing on this subject to these records; however, the F. B. I. wartime activities are amply covered and interestingly written.

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**MASTERING THE PISTOL**, by *Morris Fisher*. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons (New York, 1940). Pp. 158. \$2.25.

Written as a companion volume to *Mastering the Rifle*, it follows the same style of handling as its predecessor and treats both pistol and revolver shooting. Although the author won his fame as a rifle shot he has also competed in National and International pistol matches and is the holder of the Marine Corps Pistol Championship.

*Mastering the Pistol* consists of thirteen chapters, numerous sketches and several photographs of famous shooters.

The chapter on Position includes stance and alignment and proper grip for both pistol and revolver. The chapter on Sighting includes such fundamentals as proper aiming, breathing and trigger squeeze.

The value of "dry shooting" or snapping practice is stressed with the statement that the errors of shooting can be seen and corrected more easily by snapping practice than by actual firing.

There is a short chapter on choosing a pistol and the necessary care to be given a firearm, followed by sections on physical fitness for the shooter, coaching, free pistol shooting and hip shooting.

The final chapter entitled "Training Course for Peace Officers" failed to come up to expectations aroused by the title. There is a definite need for a good article along this line and the reviewer had hopes it had been found but he was sorely disappointed.

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**DANGER IN THE CARDS**, by *Michael MacDougal*. Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. (Chicago, Ill., 1943). Pp. 236. \$2.50.

*Danger in the Cards* is an interesting and informative expose of crooked gambling and the crooked gamblers' nefarious wiles and intrigues. In an easy readable manner that will appeal to criminal investigators and police officers everywhere, as well as to the general public, Mickey MacDougal, the self-styled gambling detective, drawing on his wide and varied experience in hunting down and exposing gambling cheats and frauds, has laid bare in all their bedizened finery the skillful, wheedling and beguiling tricks of the mountebanks of the gaming rooms.

It is no secret that enforcement of laws directed toward the suppression of gambling has had as little success in most American communities as did those which sought to deprive citizens of the right to openly purchase alcoholic liquors. Aware of this fact, and having in his possession an unusual knack of manipulating cards and learning the artifices of dice hustlers, card dealers, crooked croupiers and carnival gyps, Mickey set out some years ago to see that since it was considered an inalienable right to "lay dough on the line," a fair shake was received in return.

Under his skillful tutelage he conducts his readers unscathed through adventures in gilded gambling casinos, exclusive private clubs, "steer joints," "sneak spots," "cruise ships," county fairs and back alley crap games, leaving in his wake a disgruntled array of slick fellows who specialized in "middle dealing," "belly stripping," switching loaded dice, the "Greek shot," the "pad roll," capped dice, marked cards, phony bingo games and generally "rooking" suckers. The facts are presented convincingly in numerous anecdotes relating the experiences of the author, and he does not strive to teach in three easy lessons what the grifters practiced for years before attempting to separate the unwary from their bank rolls.

Fascinating, revealing and authentic (for anyone doubting the last, a check with one "in the know" will suffice) *Danger in the Cards* presents the investigator with an insight into the probable background of many a shakedown, con game or other crime which had as its motivating force a combination of the human frailty of taking a chance and the sharper holding out the lure waiting for the sucker to bite.

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**INSIDE THE F. B. I.**, by *John J. Floherty*. Published by J. B. Lippincott Co. (Philadelphia, Pa., 1943). Pp. 191. \$2.00.

The author states that when he received his invitation to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation he felt it was really an invitation to the youth of America to witness at close range the ceaseless battle that is being waged against crime. The author has written several books for youngsters and this is one of his best. While there is nothing in the book that the readers of our Journal would find new, the book very clearly covers most of the activities of the F. B. I. and could be used as supplementary reading for high school students or for any readers who have little knowledge of the many activities of this famous branch of our law enforcement agencies. I have seen most of the material and many of the photographs in other books and articles.

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MASTERING THE RIFLE, by *Morris Fisher*. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons. (New York, 1940). Pp. 206. \$2.50.

The author of this volume and its companion work, *Mastering the Pistol*, has based his instruction on thirty years of experience as a competitive shooter and coach, during which time he won three World's Championships, the Olympic Individual Rifle Championship and numerous other honors.

Mr. Fisher states that *Mastering the Rifle* is intended both for the beginner and for the experienced shot. In the reviewer's opinion, he must have sacrificed a great amount of worthwhile material and numerous valuable experiences gathered in the many years of his shooting career in order to write a book for both. The reviewer feels that in attempting to strike a middle path the author has failed to go into sufficient detail for the novice attempting self-instruction, and he has likewise deprived the experienced shooter of a recounting of those numerous little incidental experiences which mean so much to the shooter knocking on the "expert" door.

There are seventeen chapters in all with numerous photographs and sketches as well as rules and tables for sight adjustments. In addition to chapters properly stressing the fundamental principles of good shooting, such topics as team shooting, free rifle shooting and coaching, shooting clothing and physical fitness are also touched.

The reviewer is not in accord with the topical arrangement of the book inasmuch as chapters on Position and the Use of the Sling precede the one pertaining to the selection of a rifle, and the chapter on safety rules is placed at the end of the book; however, there is a commendable lack of technical terms and plain, simple language is used throughout the work.

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FALANGE, by *Allan Chase*. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons. (New York, 1943). Pp. 278. \$3.00.

"The great unity of the Axis includes Nazis, Fascists and Spanish Falangistas. There is no longer any distinction between Fascism, Nazism and Falangismo,"—Benito Mussolini, September 30, 1942."—Allan Chase.

The *Falange*, an organization of Axis and Spanish espionage agents, is a group that could grow and expand to its present size with its tremendous potentialities for all sorts and kinds of subversive and un-American activities in only one locale—North America and South America, including the United States. We have perhaps allowed our desire for freedom of speech and civil rights to blind us to many subversive organizations of which this is an example.

Allan Chase gives documentary evidence for his contentions and statements in the form of exact dates, photographs, facts and irrefutable evidence. Here in the form of direct quotations, documents, etc., we have proof that *Falange* with its insidious members may have in many instances and may still be doing the devil's work for the Axis and its satellites. This dastardly organization and all of its ramifications permeates twenty nations of Latin America most of whom appear to be taking orders directly from German Counsuls. This reviewer most ardently and emphatically hopes that one of the "musts" in the postwar planning will be the elimination of all such groups as this.

The author spent several years conducting a private war on the *Falange*. His conscientious and exhaustive efforts should bear fruit. We are advised that all his data have been made available to the United State Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is too much to hope that perhaps in the postwar period we'll have universal finger-printing and that all aliens will be required to clearly indicate how long they expect to partake of the fruits of our glorious country while contributing nothing constructive toward its well being. All aliens, in this reviewer's opinion, should be required to state to the proper Federal agency, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, what organizations they hold membership in and what vicious propaganda, if any, they hope to spread. If these aliens are found to be promoting any "ism" but Americanism, they should be given their exit papers and deported with the utmost dispatch. This reviewer joins with Mr. Chase in hoping that having learned our lesson we will never make the same mistake again.

This reviewer believes that *Falange* should be required reading for all law enforcement officials, and he also recommends it for the general public. It is definitely not pleasant or relaxing to read of such things as are here portrayed. The real American, however, has never been afraid to face unpleasant facts. We must take a definite stand on foreign agents in our country. We must keep this country for Americans. Everyone must share in this responsibility. Let's not make our same mistake twice.

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*UNDER COVER*, by John Roy Carlson. Published by E. P. Dutton & Co., Inc. (New York, 1943). Pp. 544. \$3.50.

"Hate is a Nazi cancer that devours the soul,"—John Roy Carlson.

It is no pious hope that had the United States had its agents in Germany and Japan and had these agents been as unscrupulous in their efforts as the agents of the Axis, this second World War might have been shortened if not avoided and many lives saved.

*Under Cover* is an exposé of the nefarious plotting against the United States prior to Pearl Harbor. It also ventilates how foreign agents sowed the seeds of discontent among "wishy-washy" American citizens. It shows in their true colors certain of our so-called Americans who are chronic antis, constant joiners and inconsiderate dissenters. John Roy Carlson tells of Nazi and Jap intrigue prior to the never-to-be-forgotten Sunday of December 7, 1941. In his telling, the author submits proof of his contentions and statements in the form of photographs, letters, and pamphlets with definite names and addresses. It is the irrefutable answer to those who constantly reiterate: "It can't happen here;" "Don't fight England's battles;" and "Wait for invasion." This book supplies definite names and actual data on almost every one of its pages, more than enough evidence in Naziland to call for a firing squad with thirty or forty hostages thrown in for good measure.

Carlson relates in these pages how many of these traitors have been convicted due to the vigilance and alertness of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This surely is good news, but what is not welcome news is that others of these enemy agents are still free enjoying the fruits of our "Land of the Free" due to a sudden change of heart after that day of infamy—December 7th. The author spent several years in unearthing

these pro-Axis and anti-American fronts. From some quarters it has been contended that part of Carlson's material is inaccurate if not false and misleading. It is this reviewer's opinion that even if only ten percent of the content of *Under Cover* is correct Carlson has done a magnificent job.

The book has had a sensational sale and reports show it is first-reading in every principal city in the United States. If half of its readers had shown as much alertness against subversive activities in the past ten years, preparedness would have been the hue and cry of ninety-nine percent of our citizenry. Every American should read this volume. It will give us the desire to hasten the departure of those who are quick to criticize and slow becoming citizens.

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THE NEW CHEMICAL FORMULARY, 1943 (VOLUME VI). H. Bennett, Editor in Chief. Published by Chemical Publishing Co. (Brooklyn, N. Y., 1943). Pp. xx, 636. \$6.00.

A collection of formulae in common practice in non-technical language makes this book very desirable for those without too specialized a background. It should be of definite value to an investigator in being able to enlighten him on some facts of chemical composition which otherwise remain trade secrets or cover fields too great to conceive in their entirety.

The scope of this book can be best illustrated very readily by citing its thoroughly covered chapters listed as follows: Adhesives, Beverages, Cosmetics, Drugs, Emulsions, Farm and Garden Specialties, Food Products, Hides, leather and furs, Inks and dye, Lubricants and oils, Construction Materials, Metals and alloys, Paints, varnishes, lacquers and other coatings, Paper, Photography, Polishes and abrasives, Pyrotechnics and explosives, Rubber, Resins, Plastics and Waxes, Soaps and cleaners, Textiles and fibers, Miscellaneous and Material Substitutions.

Other useful information contained are the trade-name chemicals, supplies and where to buy them, and a list of reference books enabling one to further fabricate on those formulae contained within.

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#### Recent Publications in the Field of Police Science

This list is a compilation gathered by the editors of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF POLICE SCIENCE, as well as numerous friends of the Journal. It is the desire of the Journal to present as complete a bibliographical service for its readers as possible. With this end in view, suggestions as to additional titles to be added to this list will be appreciated and the suggestions will help to make this a valuable feature for the Journal readers. Much of the material herein listed is to be reviewed in future issues of the Journal. BOOKS FOR REVIEW AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL should be sent to Joseph W. Harney, Chicago Police Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, 12th Floor, 1121 So. State Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

AIRCRAFT RECOGNITION. Penguin Distributing Co., 245 Fifth Ave., N. Y. (1943). Pp. 252. \$0.25.

AMMUNITION: ITS HISTORY, DEVELOPMENT & USE, *Melvin M. Johnson* and *Charles T. Haven*. William Morrow & Co., 386 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y. (1943). Pp. 300. \$5.00.

BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST, *Alan Hynd*. Robert M. McBride & Co., 116 E. 16th St., New York 3, N. Y. (1943). Pp. 287. \$3.00.

- CODES & CIPHERS**, *Alexander D'Agapeyeff*. The Oxford University Press, 114 Fifth Ave., New York (1942). Pp. 160. \$1.75.
- ELEMENTS OF ORDNANCE**, *Major General Thomas J. Hayes*. John Wiley & Sons, 440 Fourth Ave., New York (1928). Pp. 715. \$6.50.
- FINGER PRINTS, PALMS AND SOLES: AN INTRODUCTION TO DERMATOGLYPHICS**, *H. Cummins and C. Midlo*. The Blakiston Co., 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia 5, Pa. (1943). Pp. 309. \$4.00.
- HANDWRITING; EVERYMAN'S CRAFT**, *Graily Hewitt*. Transatlantic Arts, Forest Hills, N. Y. (1943). Pp. 168. \$3.25.
- HOW TO SHOOT THE U. S. ARMY RIFLE**. Penguin Distributing Co., 245 Fifth Ave., N. Y. (1943). Pp. 120.
- LABORATORY MANUAL OF EXPLOSIVE CHEMISTRY**, *Allen L. Olsen and John W. Greene*. John Wiley & Sons, 440 Fourth Ave., N. Y. (1943). Pp. 106. \$1.75.
- MANUAL OF LABORATORY GLASS BLOWING**, *R. H. Wright*. The Chemical Publishing Co., 26 Court St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (1943). Pp. 90. \$2.50.
- PHOTOGRAPHING PEOPLE; WAYS TO NEW PORTRAITURE**. Transatlantic Arts, Forest Hills, N. Y. (1943). Pp. 166. \$3.75.
- PSYCHOLOGY FOR THE FIGHTING MAN**. Penguin Distributing Co., 245 Fifth Ave., N. Y. (1943). Pp. 456. \$0.25.
- SABOTAGE IN RUSSIA**, *Michael Sayers and Albert Kahn*. Little Brown & Co., 34 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. (1943). \$3.00.
- SCOUTING AND PATROLLING**. Penguin Distributing Co., 245 Fifth Ave., N. Y. (1943). Pp. 124. \$0.25.
- SMALL ARMS MANUAL**, *Walter H. Smith*. Infantry Journal, 245 Fifth Ave., N. Y. (1943). \$2.00.
- TECHNIQUES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST PROSTITUTION**. International Association of Chiefs of Police, 918 F Street, Washington, D. C. (1943). Pp. 75. Pamphlet.
- TOXICOLOGY AND HYGIENE OF INDUSTRIAL SOLVENTS**, *K. B. Lahmann*. Williams & Wilkins Co., Baltimore, Md. (1943). Pp. 378. \$5.00.
- THE MICROSCOPE AND ITS USE**, *F. J. Munoz and H. A. Charipper*. The Chemical Publishing Co., 26 Court St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (1943). Pp. 334. \$2.50.
- THE POLICE YEARBOOK—1943**. International Association of Chiefs of Police, 918 F Street, Washington, D. C. Pp. vii, 288.
- THE SHARPS RIFLE**, *Winston O. Smith*. William Morrow & Co., 386 Fourth Ave., N. Y. (1943). Pp. 138. \$3.00.
- WHAT'S THAT PLANE**. Penguin Distributing Co., 245 Fifth Ave., N. Y. (1943). Pp. 223. \$0.25.
- X MARKS THE DOT**, *Muriel Stafford*. Duell, Sloan & Pearce, Inc., 270 Madison Ave., N. Y. (1943). Pp. 245. \$2.00.