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## POLICE SCIENCE BOOK REVIEWS

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HANDBOOK OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION by *Colonel Maurice A. Fitzgerald*. Greenburg Publisher, New York, 1951. Pp. 234. \$3.50.

This is a good practical book on criminal investigation. Major criticism of this publication is that it is too short to cover the many techniques that it treats. While the author has done an excellent job of handling the material, a book of only 234 pages cannot possibly be long enough to handle the entire field of criminal investigation adequately. I hope that this first edition can be followed by a series of greatly expanded future editions.

I am in very good agreement with the author's statement that "A great many books have been written on the subject of criminal investigation. They are good books, but they do not emphasize the fundamentals of criminal investigative techniques. They stress laboratory technique in the scientific evaluation of physical evidence; the technique of investigating homicides, jewel thefts, and other major crimes; and they detail the methods of examining tire marks, the technique of finger prints, the use of the lie detector, etc. Such books aid and train the specialists in criminal investigation, but they do not teach the all-around techniques of criminal investigation."

I feel that this is a publication that the average police officer can read and immediately see how it can be applied to the cases that he handled the day before, that day, and is going to handle the next day. The author has evidently drawn from considerable practical experience of his own and combined it in an interesting manner. This book is easy to read and is extremely interesting. Much of the material that police officers have picked up here and there from other publications, conversations, lectures, and practical experience has been combined into a single book.

Chapter headings illustrate the variety of material covered: 1. The Successful Investigator, 2. Interviewing Victims and Witnesses, 3. General Procedure in Investigation, 4. Apprehension of the Fugitive, 5. Surveillance, 6. Interrogation Techniques, 7. Interrogation of Prisoners and Suspects, 8. Admissions and Confessions, 9. Reports and Resume of an Investigation, 10. Modus Operandi File, 11. Professional Criminals, 12. The Habitual Sex Offender, 13. Racket Investigations, 14. Con Games, 15. Scientific Evaluation of Evidence, 16. Terminology and Slang of Criminals.

I think possibly that Chapter 16, "Terminology and Slang of Criminals" could have been left out with no great loss. Most of the terms that the author defines are not only well-known to the average police officer but fairly well known to the general public. This sort of glossary of criminal terms always suffers from the difficulty that these terms do vary widely from one section of the country to the other. Further, the terms vary so widely in their various applications that it is difficult to give any precise definition. While this material is of interest, it is not of the same level of value as the remainder of the book.

The author has developed a set of questions following each chapter to assist in a careful study of this publication. I think that this is a good idea since I feel certain that a great many police officers will want to purchase

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this publication to further their own ability and will welcome the various tests that the author has devised.

I believe that this is a good book. While I have the greatest respect for the many scientific aids to criminal investigation, they have received much more attention in the various publications than these basic methods of investigation that this author sets forth. I hope that he not only expands his own publication in future editions, but that other writers follow his lead and bring out similar publications.

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**POLICE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT.** By *V. A. Leonard*. The Foundation Press Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y., 1951. Pp. 381 and 126 pages Appendices. \$5.00.

This book is the latest addition to the Police Science Series. The author, V. A. Leonard, is Chairman of the Department of Police Science and Administration at the State College of Washington. He is a former member of the Berkeley California Police Department and is the author of *Police Communication Systems*.

*Police Organization and Management* is a textbook on police administration, presenting the application of scientific methods to the problems of police management. The work is packed with factual material expertly organized and effectively treated. The body of the book is divided into ten chapters. The first chapter orients the reader in the development of police service. Subsequent chapters present such timely subjects as: The structure of police organization; the police executive, his qualifications, tenure, and method of selection; the functional aspects of internal organization; personnel selection and training; and police records and administration. One chapter is devoted to the important topic—Patrol as a basic element of line power in the police organization—and is followed by chapters on patrol power and the strategy and tactics of line operation. The tenth chapter, on measurements include a detailed method of study and evaluation of police departments in the light of how well they measure up to accepted standards of modern police service.

The book is profusely annotated and contains 126 pages of appendices which includes information for applicants, model application questionnaire, samples of training curricula, outline of professional training courses, and a complete bibliography. The volume is a very welcome addition to the police library. It is a needed textbook for use in our training schools, particularly our professional schools. The police administrator will find it valuable as a handbook which will aid him in many of his administrative problems. The book is also of interest to workers in the fields of criminology, sociology, psychology, and penology.

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**MANUAL FOR STORE PROTECTION** by *Fred E. Inbau*. Retail Special Service Association, Inc., Post Office Box 1576, Chicago, 1951. Pp. 80. \$3.50.

This publication is an excellent presentation of the legal problems that a store detective or special officer faces. The material covered can be summarized by the following chapter headings. 1. The Law of Arrest, Search, and Seizure. 2. The Right to Detain and Question Suspected Employees. 3. The Right to Eject and to Arrest Persons Who Abuse their Privileges as Invited Customers. 4. The Right to Regain and Retake Possession of Store Property.

5. Crimes and Criminal Law Principles of Particular Importance to Store Protection Agents. 6. Criminal Procedures. 7. The Courts of Chicago, Cook County, and Illinois. 8. Preparing a Case for Trial.

While this publication follows Illinois law and the court system of Chicago and Cook County, a good part of the material is of general application so that this publication should be of interest to any employee of a commercial organization who might be called upon to exercise police functions. I know of no other publication that presents this same material, particularly in so useable a form. In spite of the fact that large commercial organizations of all types are constantly confronted with the threat of false arrest and since potentially, many contacts with members of the public or employees can be construed either as arrest or imprisonment, there has been little material developed to train the various sorts of agents or protection officers.

I think that this publication fills a real need. My only suggestion would be that it be expanded so that it would be of more general use in other sections of the country. Additional illustrative material might be helpful.

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MEDICINA LEGAL, 4th Edition. By *Dr. Nerio Rojas*. Libreria Y Editorial "El Ateneo" Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1950.

This is an excellent treatise in the Spanish language on legal medicine. The first chapter deals with penal legislation; the second chapter with various lesions met with in legal pathology. Excellent illustrations are to be found in this book.

A third chapter takes up medico-legal questions such as the diagnosis of homicide, suicide, and trauma. The author considers vital and post-mortem lesions and the identification of firearms. Trauma in industry is discussed in the second part of the book, together with strangulation, mechanism of modern lesions and diagnosis. Further important points in book III, chapter I are cadaveric changes, putrefaction, exhumation, and cremation.

In the fourth part of the book forensic sexology is adequately considered, together with perversions, inversions, fetishism, sadism, etc.

A fifth part takes up forensic obstetrics, together with abortion, with a discussion of the living mother and the cadaver. He also discusses the causes and prophylaxis of abortion.

A full discussion of identification is given with illustrations.

Criminology in general is considered, together with a discussion of penal schools. Then follows a discussion of delinquency, classification of delinquency, and juvenile delinquency, and the treatment of same.

Medico-legal psychiatry in all of its ramifications is fully discussed. Dementia, legislation on dementia, and its various aspects is fully gone into.

I would highly recommend this to anyone who can read the Spanish language.

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