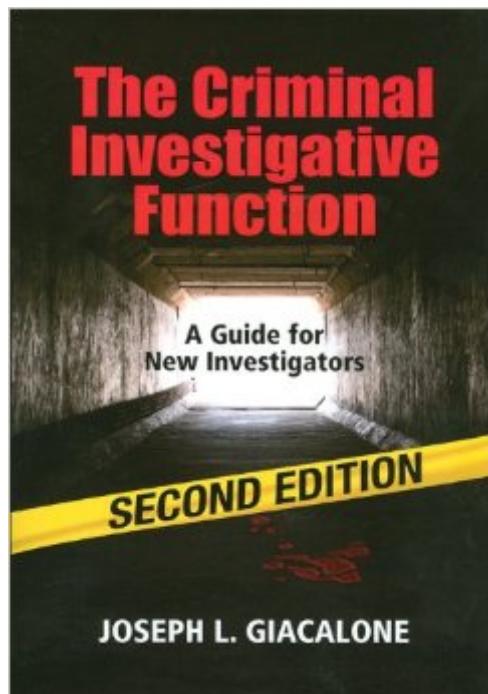


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Joseph Giacalone is a talented writer and a former NYPD detective. This book is a valuable textbook for young law enforcement officers and for mystery and crime writers like me. Without burying the message of the book in police jargon, he explains the steps necessary to find and arrest felons. Unlike the movies or television, it all doesn't happen in a day. It takes time to built a case and make sure all the necessary paperwork is written and passed on to the upper levels of a police department and to the district attorney. This is a great book for anyone interested in the procedural aspect of law enforcement. Bringing a criminal to justice is filled with hard work and intelligent processing of the evidence collected. Giacalone also covers correct interviewing and interrogation techniques.

I normally don't review textbooks, but this one is actually really good. It's easy to follow along with, and pretty interesting especially if you're interested in becoming a detective. Plus the author teaches at my school and is a laid back guy.

This book is an excellent resource for those interested and/or going into criminal investigations. I used it in Professor Giacalone's PSC207 class at John Jay...and it may be the easiest book out there to teach you what you need to know to develop some investigative skills and useful knowledge.

Beautifully written by someone with decades of experience. Giacalone does a great job explaining the ins and outs of criminal investigations. He gives wonderful tips to investigators. Enjoy the read! I highly recommend it.

I had to study this book for an upcoming promotional exam. There are grammatical errors, informational errors and enough acronyms to kill a horse. The acronyms are unclear - acronyms should be one main word for each letter to make a point clear and concise. The author has decided to make sentences from his acronyms with any random word as the main letter of the acronym. I have been in the criminal investigation field for my entire career and had to actually learn elementary, sometimes incorrect methods in place of my 16 years of expertise just to get questions correct on promotional exam. Three quarters of the way through the book, I had the joy in learning the definition of a cotton swab. Thanks Joe. Very disappointed in this information. My next letter is to the NJ Civil Service Commission for choosing this book and deeming it "testable".

This book was on the NJ CSC book list for the past few years and is an excellent read. Unlike some other criminal investigation books, you are walked from start to finish through the investigative function. The author provides detailed steps to follow and information on many aspects of an investigation (from Arson to Sex Crimes to Murder and more). This book is also a great resource and can be a valuable asset to any investigator. Unlike a traditional text book, this is small enough to go in any gear bag or brief case as a field guide and reference. All around it is an excellent book!!!

I was very excited to take this class with my professor and reading this textbook was great. It is so straightforward, clear and the acronyms while a little tricky to remember them all, were very helpful in remembering lists of things. I can see why police departments use this book as the language doesn't make your head spin from it being complicated and it's not a boring book! This book reaches out to the public, to the crowd of people interested in this subject. To those that watch CSI,

forget about that nonsense. While CSI holds valid points here and there, it's just entertainment and this book will teach you how the progress works in an investigation. This is where it's at.

Whether you're a grizzled veteran detective, a budding investigator, or simply want a little background on how things actually work, this book is without question the one you want. Using plain English and an easy to follow format, Professor Giacalone provides a detailed and insightful guide to criminal investigation. As a former student of his and current security operative, I can give this book my unqualified recommendation. You will never regret having this book on your shelf.

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