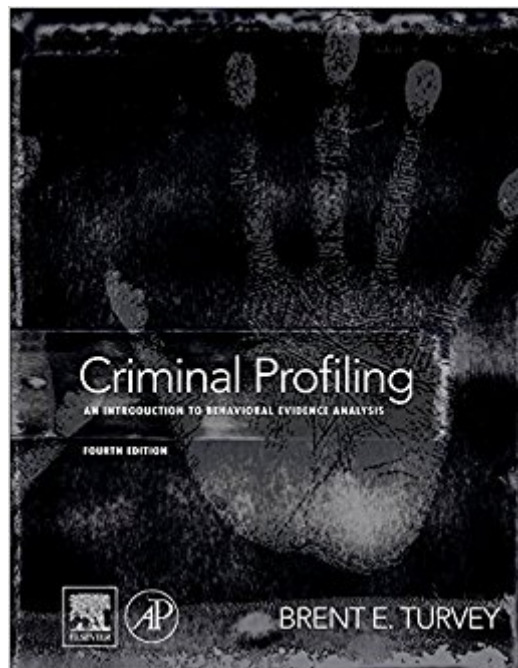


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Criminal Profiling 4th Edition is even better than the famous 3rd edition!! I got my copy not all that long ago and so far I am pleased to see new content, everything is a lot more organized and easy to follow. There are 25 chapters split in to 5 sections which are: Section 1 - Introduction To Criminal Profiling Section 2 - Forensic Victimology Section 3 - Crime Scene Analysis Section 4 - Offender Characteristics Section 5 - Professional Issues The terrorism chapter is much more expanded on the previous editions also. As for the review left by "tactical tradecraft" needless to say this person did not read the last 2 editions of this textbook and obviously has something against personal against Turvey. This previous review was copied from the 3rd edition page and pasted on 4th edition... you should not post reviews if you have not bought/read the text - please refer to the following review [...] All in all, I recommend 4th edition, even more than 3rd :)

The chapter on logic and cognition should be required as part of the education of any forensic professional (and most, if not all, non-forensic education). The addition of chapters on forensic psychology and terrorism further cement this text as the standard go-to text for anyone affiliated with the criminal justice system. If you are looking for THE educational text on profiling, Turvey and his co-authors have provided it.

Mr. Turvey has again expanded the subject matter and content of the 4th Edition of Criminal Profiling. I have known Mr. Turvey since the publication of the 1st Edition and the "set" of four editions provides a great collection of discussions and materials written by Mr. Turvey and a prominent collection forensic scientists, psychologists, psychiatrists and criminal investigators in the world. I know Mr. Turvey to be an obsessive fact checker and the cases and assessments he makes regarding case forensic analysis and profiling methodologies are well researched and documented. Similarly, his contributing authors are solid and focused on their topics. Criminal Profiling, Fourth Edition: An Introduction to Behavioral Evidence Analysis, continues to lay a broad and solid foundation to the subject. It is no wonder that it is a leading textbook on the topic at various universities throughout the world. There are several approaches to behavioral evidence analysis ---some are based on sound research and methodology and others fraught with fraud and politics. Mr. Turvey does an excellent job of educating the reader/student as to what questions to ask to tell the difference. Needless to say, when the light of science exposes those practices which cannot be supported by a scientific method, the scientist doing so is occasionally the object of criticism by those fleeing from exposure. Mr. Turvey has never shirked controversy and his striving for intellectual honesty make this text refreshing in a field all too often in need of more professional accountability. This text is a great primer and reference to understanding the topics discussed.

I have to give this guy a lot of credit for self-promotion based on a minimal amount of knowledge and absolutely no prior experience. He went to college, got a degree and later a master's. Then he apparently decided he was a 'profiler.' This is a danger, because almost literally someone else could take a few psych classes or like a Pat Brown, be a good housewife and have an oddball tenant, and then declare herself a profiler. And worse yet, to have a loyal cadre of people who form something of a cult around his beliefs. Having been trained by the FBI and having studied and profiled several hundred cases as a profiler in an FBI field office, I still wonder if I know enough to profess all of the knowledge Mr. Turvey claims to have acquired. He is the antithesis of what we were trained to do, namely to gain a wealth of experience working on REAL cases, then perhaps you are qualified to profile cases. Perhaps. However, Mr. Turvey apparently decided he was interested in profiling, and off he goes. He skipped right over the important part, having some EXPERIENCE before you profess some great knowledge. There are probably some unfortunate students out there who have been taught 'profiling' directly out of one of Mr. Turvey's textbooks, and the professor has not spent a single moment ever viewing a crime scene. I just hope this doesn't become the standard, because the FBI pioneered the concept of criminal profiling, continues to do research, has the three 'Icons' of

Ressler, Douglas and Hazelwood, who actually learned and did research, as opposed to magically declaring themselves as 'wizards' of profiling like this guy has. But, I'll give him some credit for self-promotion. Unfortunately, his background #or lack of it#, makes him a borderline fraud and charlatan.

This book is not going to tell you how to profile, but it will tell you some of the ways not to profile. It explains some of the many ways "profiles" should not be used, and why they are imperfect. (Hint: The BAU in TV's "Criminal Minds" does it wrong and the profiles are unrealistically accurate.)

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