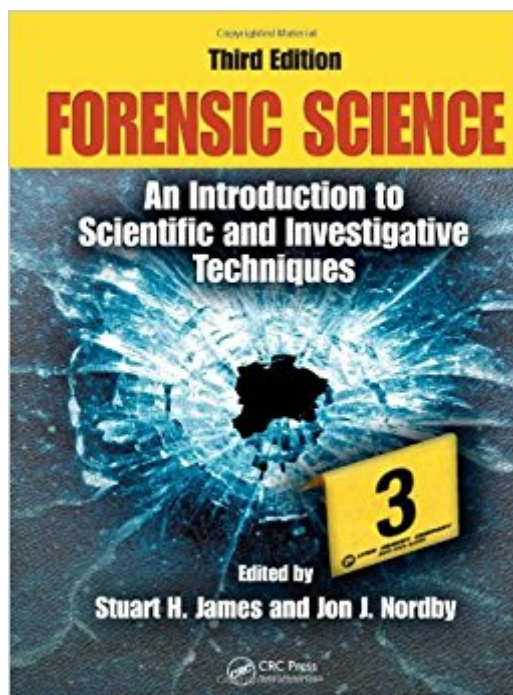


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Now revised and updated, this comprehensive work, long considered the top textbook in the forensics field, reaches far beyond the scope of those introductory texts that concentrate primarily on criminalistics. Covering a range of fundamental topics, it introduces newcomers to the field while providing the technical detail necessary to understand the field as a science. To this end the book is compatible with CRC lab manuals, including Forensic Science Laboratory Manual and Workbook, Third Edition (87193) and Crime Scene Processing and Laboratory Workbook (85425). Praise for the Previous Edition: "The first-hand experience of the authors and the use of real case studies, including photographs, captivate the reader. Even non-forensic science students and the general public would find this book interesting reading." — Kieran F. Lim, Physical Sciences Educational Reviews, Vol. 7, No. 1 This updated third edition includes: New material on forensic photography, crime scenes, and forensic pathology, including a chapter on Forensic Digital Photo Imaging Simplified, easy-to-understand chapters on computer forensics and DNA analysis Revised materials in each chapter to reflect advances in the field New and More Extensive Teaching Materials: An instructor's guide with objectives, questions and answers, suggested activities, and material in electronic format is available upon qualifying course adoption.

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As a graduate student in Forensic Anthropology I found this book to include nearly all of the information I needed in my undergraduate classes. If I had only had this book before I could have

saved a lot of money with all of the other books I have purchased. Not only does it provide information on all the important topics in forensic science there are also several illustrations and photographs to help the visual learners. I highly recommend this book.

At over 760 pages (including the non-numbered blank pages for notes at the back), this book has some serious heft. The formatting is first class. There are hundreds of excellent color photographs, and information for each chapter that includes historical, religious, and of course technical facts. I consider myself a forensic engineer, and I was a bit disappointed in the coverage of that particular discipline of the forensic sciences. Forensic Engineering, Section IV, covers Structural Failures (Chapter 24), Basic Fire and Explosion Investigation (25), and Vehicular Accident Reconstruction (26). No mention is made of chapters on materials failure, product liability, etc., but what it is lacking in that regard the book more than makes up for with its treatment of non-destructing testing and analyses technologies. The editors of this fabulous book, Stuart H. James and Jon J. Nordby, deserve a special award of accomplishment and acknowledgement; they have hit a home run with bases loaded, in my opinion.

I have evaluated several of the forensic textbooks for a course in forensic science and have used both of Saferstein's books (Criminalistics; Forensic Science) in past courses. After viewing James and Norby, I have concluded that it is superior in both coverage and detail to any of the other textbooks and will be using it in courses at the college level for both criminal justice and science majors. No textbook is perfect and some supplementation is always needed, but this book comes the closest to comprehensive coverage of the topic.

Good basic combination outlook to help with consideration of physical presence contaminating crime scenes and other such things that you don't take into consideration in the other undergrad biological and chemistry courses that might have preceded this one.

This is an excellent reference book for anyone involved in Forensic Science work, no matter what your discipline is. Very few books in this category and at this price (less than \$25) cover such a wide array of topics within the field of forensics. This will serve as a good resources for years to come. If you are looking for a well rounded introductory book that even advanced practioners can use in the field, get this one, you will not be disappointed. Thanks for making books such as these available at such affordable price.

I purchased this book to assist with my high school level forensic medicine course that I teach and it is a wealth of knowledge! Good introduction on all aspects of forensic and crime scene, not extremely detailed but that is why I bought specific titles for each of those topics in additional textbooks. But it is great to give you an introduction to the various topics such as toxicology, odontology, entomology, anthropology, etc. Great book to assist students in forensic competitions as well!

This is a decent text on forensics and does a fair job of explaining all the topics. There are some sections that are tedious and overly complex and I found several errors in photo captions where the description didn't accurately reflect the contents of the photo. But, in all, it's a decent text. The book itself is enormous and heavy - if you don't need the physical book, the Kindle/eBook edition is the only way to go.

Huge book, but an easy read. The chapters are outlined and written in a simple format. The vocabulary is highlighted. Some of the techniques described within the chapters are a bit outdated. Good book to reference for forensic science.

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