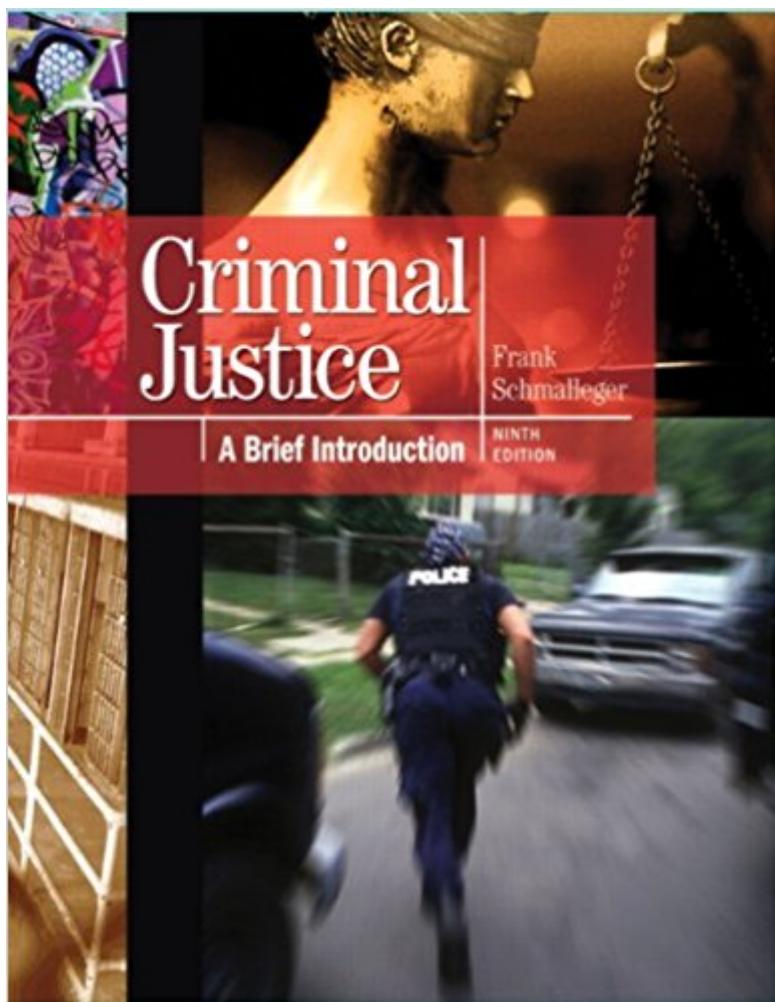


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Review of *Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction* by Frank Schmalleger
Written by Joshua Jones
If you are seeking basic knowledge of the criminal justice system then you should look no further than *Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction* by Frank Schmalleger. After reading this textbook you can see how its structure is set up in favor of the reader gaining knowledge. Schmalleger does an amazing job explaining his subject matter in a way that can be understood by someone that knows nothing of the subject he is teaching. This textbooks

structure is based upon the release of knowledge in a controlled format as to not confuse its readers any kind of confusion. In the beginning chapters you are given the general information on the subject of criminal justice that you will need to understand the remainder of the textbook. As the chapters progress you find yourself connecting the knowledge of the current chapter with that of the previous chapters you have read and realizing that your understanding is becoming well rounded. Another aspect of the textbook that was amazing was its use of sidebars. Throughout the entire textbook there were sidebars that brought situations or current events to the forefront in an attempt to give readers examples of what they were learning. Using current events was a great idea in my opinion because it brings things into context for the reader without the reader having to look up the events of the past in order to understand the knowledge being taught. Some of the sidebars were also meant to be thought provoking. They were meant to raise a debate and make the reader really have to use the knowledge he has learned to pick a viewpoint and side and coherently be able to defend it. The last aspect of this textbook that I believe makes it worth reading is that it is written by an accomplished and knowledgeable professor. Frank Schmalleger has earned two degrees from two different colleges, one a masters and one a doctorate, both in sociology. Though his degrees were in sociology he had an emphasis of criminology. This textbook is not the only book that he has written on the subject of criminal justice. Also included in his many writing were many articles on the subject. Schmalleger seems to love his work in teaching and tries to catch and hold the readers interest in order to keep them reading and wanting to learn. First take into consideration Frank Schmalleger's accomplishment, knowledge, and want to teach a student population on the subject of criminal justice. Then look at the structure of his textbooks and how conducive that structure is to the learning process of the reader. Then you add to that the way he puts in sidebars that include things such as current events in order to explain what is being taught to the reader in terms that they already understand and you can see why Frank Schmalleger's textbook Criminal Justice: A Brief Introduction has my recommendation for anyone that has an interest in its subject matter. - Roberts, E. V. (2012). Writing about literature. Boston: Pearson. - Schmalleger, F. (2012). Criminal justice: A brief introduction. Boston: Prentice Hall

I was required to purchase this book for a class I recently took. To be specific, I was required to purchase the "combo" package from my school, that included this text book and an "access" card/code. I did a little research and found the premium for the "combo" to be expensive in comparison to buying the two separately. I purchased the book separately (this item), and then purchased the access code direct from Pearson for \$30. By doing this method I saved around

\$30-\$40 over buying the combo package from my school. This may vary for you depending on what your school charges for the "combo" package. So make sure you check the prices first. With that said, I have to say the \$30 Pearson "access", in my opinion, is not worth the price tag. The \$30 Pearson "access" code feels more like an attempt at reclaiming lost sales due to used text books being sold. The content is mostly the same from the data in the book, and some of it is misplaced, like images and diagrams. The quick quizzes are typically only 3 to 4 questions and aren't very challenging at all. Again, it just feels like an attempt to get more money from students rather than a way to provide quality educational tools to students. This is just my opinion, and these thoughts are only directed towards the Pearson "access", not the book. The book is filled with current information in regards to criminal justice. So much information that at times I forgot it was suppose to be an "introduction". For the price of the book though, it does contain a good value when considering the amount of information and quality of the data. The images are crisp and colorful, and the text is clear, although small. Full pages of small text did seem daunting on some pages, but overall the layout made reading decently easy. Within the layout and overall text I did notice an abundant amount of references to court hearings. Although, I understand the necessity of using past court hearings to explain ideas, concepts, and basic precedents set. The court hearing references bored me, but that's a personal thing, mostly due to my attention span with history related topics. Everything else I found fascinating, from policing styles, to prison life. Overall I recommend this book, not that it matters as I'm sure most people buying it are required too. But be assured if you have any semi interest in criminal justice, you will enjoy this book. And remember, this book does not contain the access code that some students may need.

This was the required text for a course and I still refer to it for its concise information, brevity, and clarity with a critical law enforcement perspective. Has an excellent index divided into three divisions: court cases, subject, and names. Extensive references and citations; the book is comprehensive in scope and use of statistical data from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting database and the BJS's National Crime Victimization Survey. Covers crime definitions, crime overview, policing, court structure, and corrections. A compact, information-packed, and readable text.

As advertised

Schmalleger is an excellent writer and his other textbooks are a great contribution to the literature.

However, CJ: A Brief Introduction is lopsided. A major shortcoming is the failure to include a chapter on theory. Another is devoting three chapters to the police. The chapter on police legal issues can be included in the chapter on criminal law and chapters four and six (Policing: Purpose and Organization and Policing: Issues and Challenges) can be combined thus making the book a truly "brief" introduction.

Product is fine - good in fact, but the amount of time it took to arrive was very, very slow, which complicated things for me with the class. That was very frustrating but to their credit, they said the amount of time it would take, so in some sense, they were just doing what they said they would in the time frame they said they would, but....not great because of the time lag.

Great literature

Bought this for my AJ101 class, which on the negative side I never got to use during class cause our professor was an odd ball. Though I had looked through the material and read some of the chapters. It does serve its purpose!

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