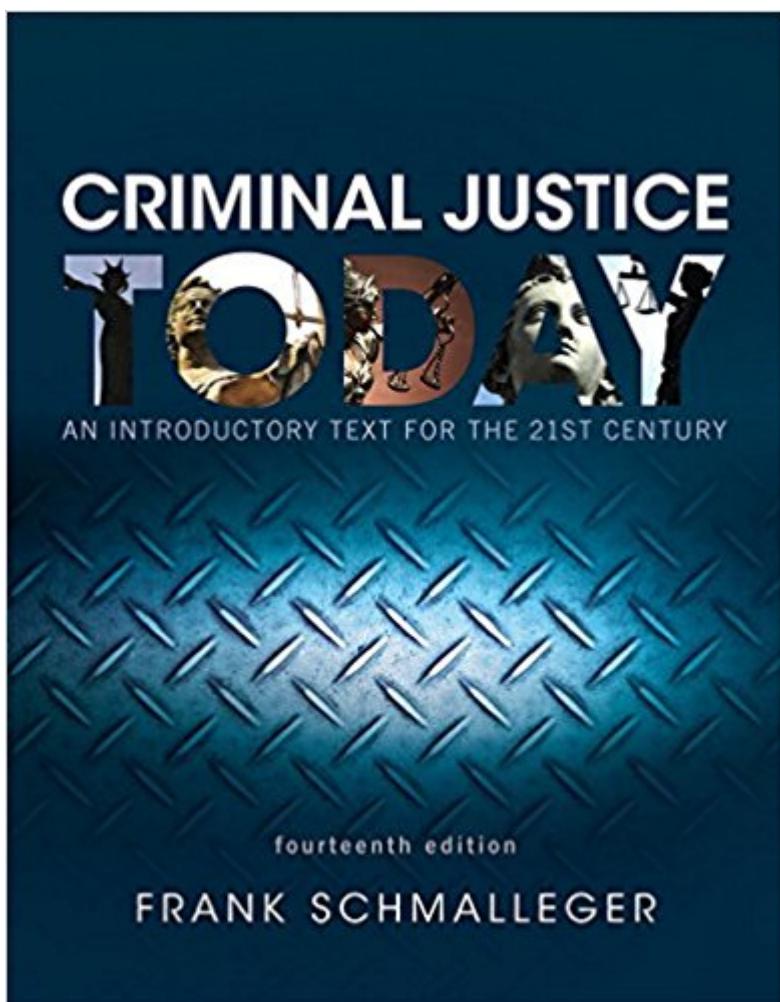


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Eh...it's okay for a textbook, but Schmalleger's style gets a little personal and biased sometimes, I was kind of surprised. Several times he puts things as fact in the textbook that are really matters of opinion, or don't present all sides of an issue. Almost everything of use you get from this book is vocabulary, anyways - and all of the vocabulary from Intro to Criminal Justice type classes is on dozens of different Quizlet flash card sites, just Google them. Most of the notes I took were from my teacher's Powerpoints, and were far more useful.

I purchased this text for consideration in one of my intro to criminal justice classes. If you are looking for the basics and the same old same old in a CJ text, you won't be disappointed. For years criminal justice education has been changing and unfortunately this author and others like him are resistant

to that change. There needs to be a more creative way to teach criminal just at the intro level than by pumping students full of facts when they cannot think for themselves. Many of us are looking for something that will enhance problem solving and original thinking. This old method of "I tell you, now tell me back" is not education. There needs to be something better than this!

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this book was amazing for what i used it for. it gives a broad general overview of the entire criminal justice system. it has tons of pictures and charts. which helps with the learning of the material covered inside. i used this book in college for an introductory course to the Criminal Justice program and I could not think of a better book than this one for that type of course. whether you are taking that program or just want to understand the basics of the criminal justice system i would recommend

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