

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of "Sourcebook in Criminalistics"

REFERENCE: Hormachea, C., *Sourcebook in Criminalistics*, Reston Publishing Co., Reston, Va., 1974, 272 pages, price not listed.

The concept behind *Sourcebook in Criminalistics* is excellent. It is one that has been discussed many times before. The better articles on particular subjects should be brought together in one volume for ease of reference.

The author, or rather compiler, of this volume, has tried to do just that, but unfortunately the results are not equal to the intent. There are several articles of distinct value, but the sum total of the collection is more like a very badly arranged smorgasbord set up by an inexperienced restaurateur.

Because of the mixture of broad spectrum articles and papers written only for specialists, it is hard to say for whom this book was written. This volume may have some utilization in some elementary classes in forensic science. Some of the articles will be new and of value to the beginner.

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