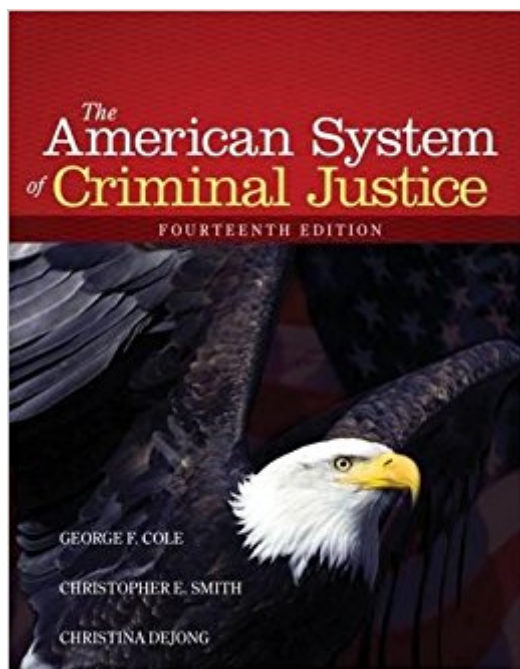


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I bought this for my CJ 101 class. It is a good text. My prof likes it a lot, but it is a little wordy. I like the graphics. The charts and tables are well laid out and fairly easy to understand. The prompts and questions are good. I like that they give you a direct link to optional resources as well as the course link (we did not have to purchase access to the course Web site, so it's nice not to have to Google for the links). One thing that bothers me is that none of the very interesting and illustrative photographs are sourced. I would like to know the context for the photographs -- beyond the fact that they illustrate some point in the text. I bought the loose leaf version because it was much cheaper. However, you cannot sell it back to . Still, I didn't want to put it in a three ring binder -- too bulky and hard to handle, so I took it to Staples and had the covers laminated and the pages spiral bound for ~\$5. Great deal and it handles well! I love that I can simply turn the pages to the back and that if I lay the book down it doesn't close up. I will attempt to sell it myself to another CJ student next semester.

It actually came in and is the hard cover which i like better and still using it, thank you!!

Delivery was fine. I just haven't really used the book for my class. It is a lot easier to just google the information I need.

In excellent condition, very happy

It's not even the book but the instructor, that makes this book great.

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