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This new edition of *Criminology: A sociological introduction* builds on the success of the first edition and now includes two new chapters: 'Crime, Place and Space', and 'Histories of Crime'.

More than a collection of orthodox thinking, this fully revised and updated textbook is also grounded in original research, and offers a clear and insightful introduction to the key topics studied in undergraduate criminology courses. It is essential reading for all students of criminology, and covers:

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- Ways of thinking about crime and control, from the origins of criminology to contemporary criminology.
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- Research methods used by criminologists.
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- Superb illustrations and tables
- A glossary of terms and key words highlighted in each chapter
- Supporting case studies and contemporary examples, highlighted throughout
- Critical thinking questions
- Annotated further reading

This new edition is also supported by a fully interactive companion website which offers exclusive access to British Crime Survey data, as well as other student and lecturer resources: www.routledge.com/textbooks/9780415464512.

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'Its topical and original approach makes this book definitely one of the most exciting introductions to criminology. By taking the implications of globalization for criminology seriously, it is also one of the very few that is truly international. All this, combined with a lively style of writing and a rich selection of web-pages for further reading, makes it ideal to show how interesting and socially relevant criminology can be'.

René van Swaeningen, Professor of International and Comparative Criminology, Erasmus University, the Netherlands.

'*Criminology: A sociological introduction* is that rare thing; a textbook that is attractive – in the sense of being beautifully written and lavishly produced – while not compromising on scholarly insight and rigour. Like the first edition, this new revised version does a remarkable job of pulling together a vast range of socio-criminological theories and topics, both "orthodox" and emerging. The addition of new chapters on "Crime, Place and Space", and "Histories of Crime" support any claims to comprehensiveness. Although the book's subtitle describes it as an "introduction", this is a resource that students will take through their entire degree studies and will return to again and again. Authoritative, yet frequently provocative, Carrabine and his colleagues manage to convey both enthusiasm and expertise. In short, the team at Essex are to be congratulated for bringing to a crowded marketplace an introductory criminology text that is genuinely, and refreshingly, different'.

Yvonne Jewkes, Professor of Criminology, University of Leicester, UK.

'This second edition retains all the strengths of the first while adding important new work on contemporary issues. It gives students a thorough grounding not just in the traditional aspects of the discipline to do with crime, policing and punishment but in more current issues facing society like the "war on terror" and the impact of globalization. The critical thinking questions listed in each chapter encourage students to think and read more deeply than many textbooks while the "Further study" topics are invaluable resources for directing their reading and research'.

Mary Bosworth, Reader in Criminology, University of Oxford, UK.

'This exciting new edition of *Criminology: A sociological introduction* takes readers into new areas of debate, including terrorism, global crime, cybercrime, place, space, and emotions relating to crime. The book is written with great clarity and authority, and successfully navigates new criminological contours and sociological debates about crime. The authors combine fresh thinking about the established terrain of criminology with new questions about crime and responses to it, all the while grounding ideas in social theory and reflecting social change. This is an excellent resource!'

Dr Loraine Gelsthorpe, University of Cambridge, UK.

'This is an unusually insightful and productive book precisely because of its sociological orientation and the specific expertise offered by each of its collective authors. The book is far-reaching in the topics covered, theoretically informed in its analysis, and user-friendly in its presentation. It presents key ideas and substantive issues in an exciting format, one that is guaranteed to stimulate, provoke and inform. This is not your ordinary criminological textbook'.

Professor Rob White, University of Tasmania, Australia.

'*Criminology: A sociological introduction*' is a superb, thorough and engaging treatise on the emergence and debates in theory, methods, crime trends and the justice system. The book covers both the classic issues as well as the latest developments in understanding crime in the global context ranging from terrorism to cyber-crime and green crimes, and as such, has an international appeal. A must-read and terrific reference for students and scholars alike'.

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