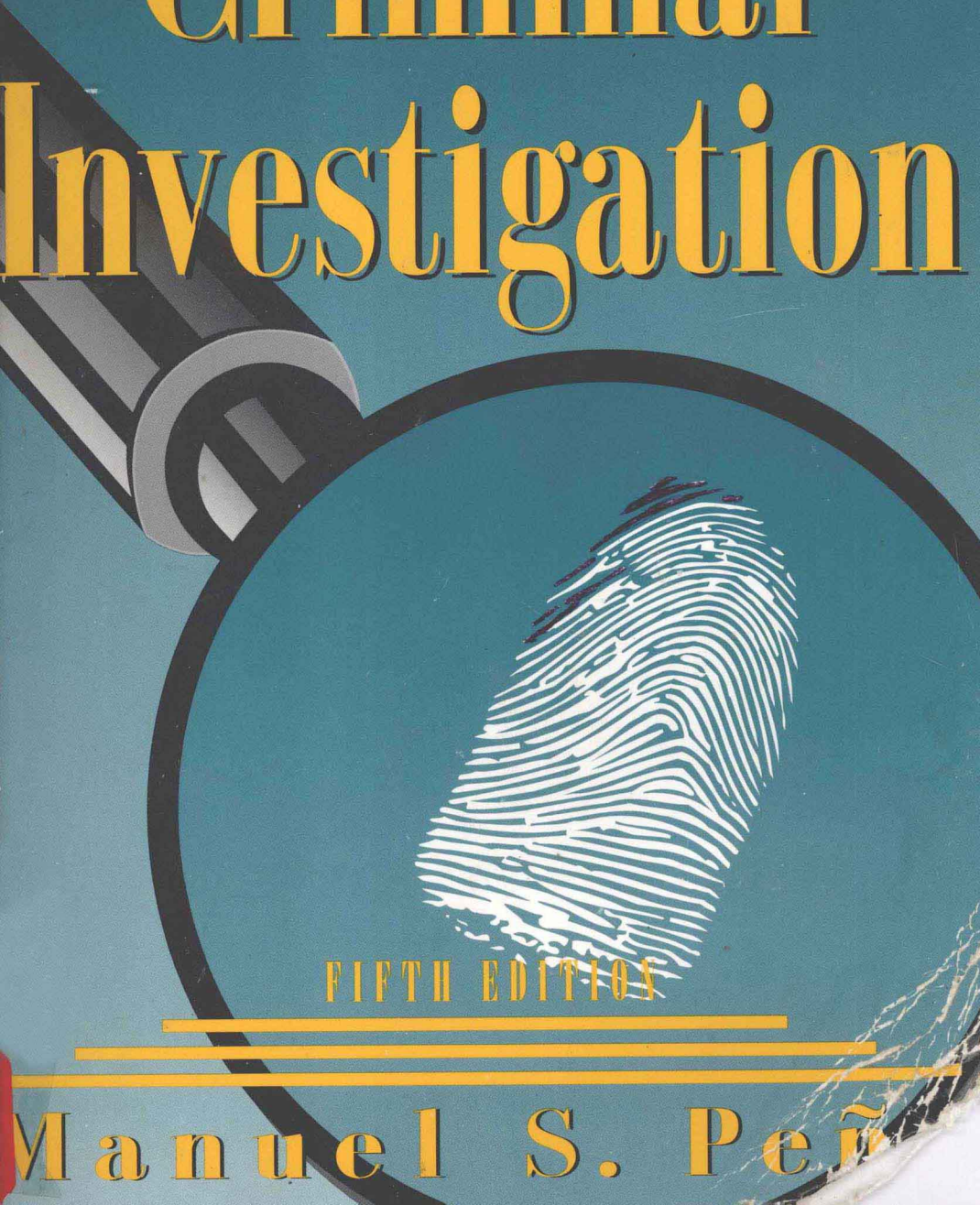

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To my wife, Olga

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PREFACE

The arrangement of material in this unique and comprehensive text leads the student from the beginning stages of basic criminal investigation through the more advanced techniques for handling cases involving all major crimes. Preparing cases for presentation to the prosecutor, a grand jury, or a court of law is also fully covered. In addition to basic fundamentals, this book features material on the latest laboratory services, sources of investigative information, and scientific techniques available to assist the investigator.

Because *Practical Criminal Investigation* presents a profusion of time-tested investigative procedures for a wide variety of crimes, along with specific techniques and new innovations in criminal investigation, it is also an excellent reference resource.

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