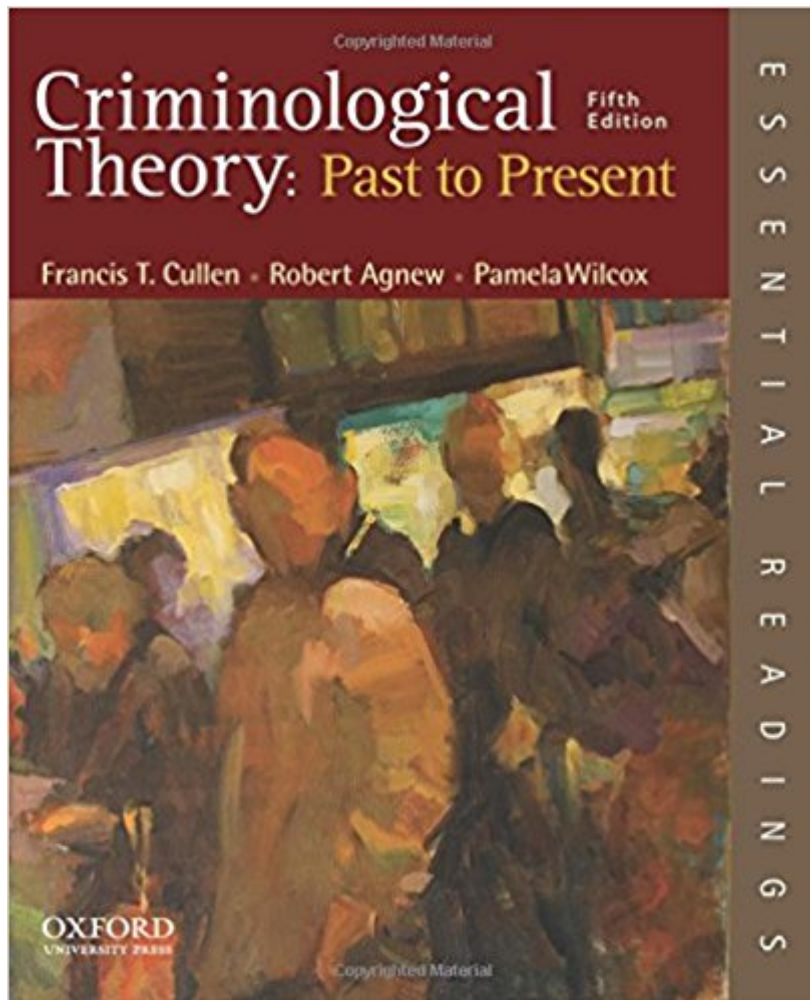




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This book covers the many theories for crime; such as, why some people commit crime, and why others don't. The chapters are not very long, which makes the reading and information easy to process. I like these fairly short chapters just for the fact that some of these theories are packed with information. Great read. I rented this book from , but now I wish I would have purchased it for a reference.

The book was in superb condition. A great read if one is interested in the psychological theories of crime. Sort of behavior analysis type foundation and it was very enlightening if one has an open mind and is willing to look at different aspects of things they already assume.

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This textbook is the bomb!!! The book is easy reading and the chapters are short; I am able to absorb the material. No headaches to conquer while studying crime!

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