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Renowned for being "THE "definitive resource for homicide investigators, Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques" "details the recognized protocols used by investigative divisions of major police departments throughout the world. The text is used in most police academies, including the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Now in its fifth edition, the book begins with a comprehensive discussion of homicide crime scenes and moves chronologically from initial police notification, the correct police response that follows, and the subsequent steps necessary to conduct an intelligent investigation. It then delves into the more technical aspects of homicide investigation, augmented with numerous pictures and full-color illustrations that involve pertinent case histories.

This latest edition includes three new chapters along with fully revised chapters with new case histories and techniques that reflect the latest forensic methods and modern investigative procedures.

Highlights of the Fifth Edition Include:

Newly revised "Homicide Investigator s Checklist" A new chapter on the latest DNA technology A rewritten chapter on equivocal death investigations that includes staged crime scenes Additional information on modes of death Fully updated chapters on death notifications, sex-related homicide, management for police administrators, suicide investigation, and narcotics-related and homosexually based homicides Over 920 photos and illustrations, 250 new photographs, and several new case histories

Eminent author, lecturer, consultant, and expert witness Vernon J. Geberth incorporates his more than four and a half decades of real-world law enforcement experience in this quintessential reference. This classic and must-have resource provides the most vital information needed by detectives and police investigators responsible for cases in violent and sudden death.

Remember: do it right the first time. You only get one chance.

Vernon J. Geberth, M.S., M.P.S., Homicide and Forensic Consultant, Author of Practical Homicide Investigation, and Series Editor of The Practical Aspects of Criminal and Forensic Investigations"

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Ken Lang says

Every detective should read this book, regardless if you are investigating homicides or thefts. This book causes investigators to think through the logical steps of an investigation so much that the practical principles become routine in the investigator's life.

May McGoldrick says

Excellent procedural guide for any mystery/suspense writer. This book is never more than an arm's length from my computer.

Zach Fortier says

This is the BIBLE of homicide investigations. This manual is a must for any cop, patrol traffic or detective it doesn't matter. Nothing compares with this manual for clear cut no nonsense cop speak.

Marty Overly says

extremely informative and well written with many checklists and bulleted sections. Very good crime scene photos.

David says

THE hands down best practical, brass tacks guide to investigating a homicide. Well written, and updated for more recent technology.

Matt Clem says

The "bible" of homicide investigations. Very good reference; a "must read."

Seth Augenstein says

An incredible collection of knowledge, and a meditation on order combating chaos. Not for the faint of heart. But it has a literary value to its technique and philosophy.

Amar Pai says

This book has gruesome pictures in it. Ugh. What was I thinking

Royce Ratterman says

Most books are rated related to their usefulness and contributions to my research.
Overall, a good book for the researcher and enthusiast.
Read for personal research
- found this book's contents helpful and inspiring - number rating relates to the book's contribution to my needs.

Marty says

Everything you ever wanted to know (and many things you would rather not see!!) concerning death investigation.

Ryan says

Great resource for Criminal Justice/Forensic Science students. Very thorough. Actual case histories (with explicit photographs) for real-life, practical, death scene investigation.

Jennifer Worrell says

Not for the faint of heart. If you're wondering what happens to a fella's head after shooting himself through the mouth with a rifle, here's the book for you. The wealth of descriptions of procedures and techniques are great for crime/mystery/thriller writers, and the multitude of full-color photos will help with descriptions of victims.

Brendan McAuliffe says

The only book I wish I could 'unread' somehow ~

Kelly says

I read the the third edition of this book for fun before I even decided to go back for my Criminal Justice/Biology degree. I kept it so long that I thought the EMU Library was going to send someone to break my legs.

The fourth edition is much improved, with mostly color photos, and updated science and psychology.

Especially interesting is the chapter on homosexual homicide. The purpose of the chapter is to educate the straight, uninformed police officer about gay culture, so that he or she can tell when something is amiss. This brings to mind the horrible misunderstanding that lead to the one of Jeffrey Dahmer's victims. The officers who were called to the scene were unfamiliar and uncomfortable dealing with a gay "lover's spat," and therefore just let Dahmer take his "drunk" "lover" back to his apartment, where he was murdered minutes later.

You should read this book if you want to know how real detective work is done.

The photos are quite disturbing.
