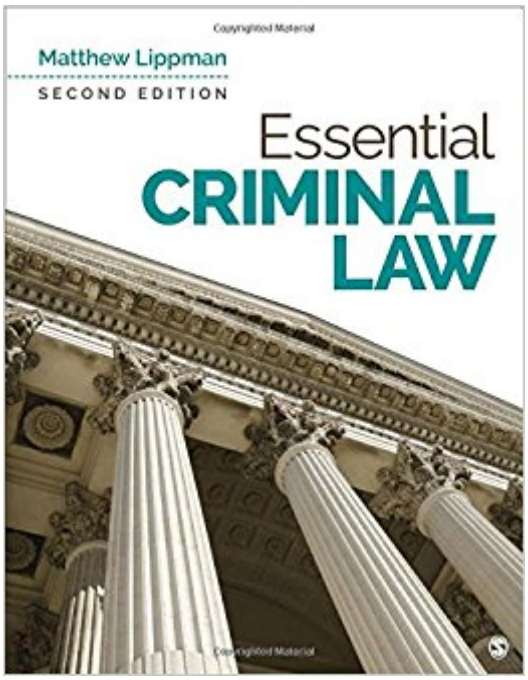
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Overall, for a first course in Criminal Law, I think the text is satisfactory. But if I were someone who wanted to go much deeper into the subject, this would not be my starting point. It seems to me the book was poorly researched and contained too many errors for me to ignore. It seems to have been hastily put together and the strategy behind putting it together didn't seem to me very effective. Below I want to provide just a few of the glaring mistakes, many of which that could have been rectified through only one read-over.Page 23 - Gets the precedent in United States v. Brown wrongPage 33 - Misquoted the First AmendmentPage 34 - Calls Santeria "Santamaria"Page 114 - Refers to "Gerald Lee Loughner" instead of "Jared Lee Loughner" (Loughner you may remember was the gunman who shot former Rep. Gabby Giffords in Phoenix, Arizona in 2011).Page 127 - Complete misrepresentation of the Bernard Goetz case. The juveniles did not politely ask for money as Lippmann claims, they were all armed and primed for an attack. Nor were they juveniles. The attackers were ages 18 to 19 years old.Page 234 - HSBC was fined $1.9 billion, not $1.9 million.AppendixChapter 1. footnote 19 - duplicated footnote 18, leaving the reader without any idea of where this piece of information comes from.One I did not mention, which I thought was a little off-putting, although in many places he refers to the right to free speech, right to jury trial, etc., without quotation marks, one place he mentioned "the right to bear arms" with quotations, which could be taken as a sleight against the second amendment. Since many disagree with the right to bear arms, they will talk about it as being lower than the other amendments and this was just a bit suspicious to me.Errors like these don't inspire me with much confidence in a writer. These were some of the errors I found just on reading the book only once. There are probably many more that a legal scholar could identify but I'm not one. In addition to these, there were numerous spelling errors, false grammatical constructions, and other similar errors which are too frivolous for me to take down. I don't think I would recommend this book to others.

This book was a requirement for my criminal law class. Book is an easy read and nicely spaced out so the chapters are by no means cumbersome. Worth saving in ones library for future reference.

Good

Took an intro criminal law class and this was the book we used. Did the job but I did not really read it through.

Great

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