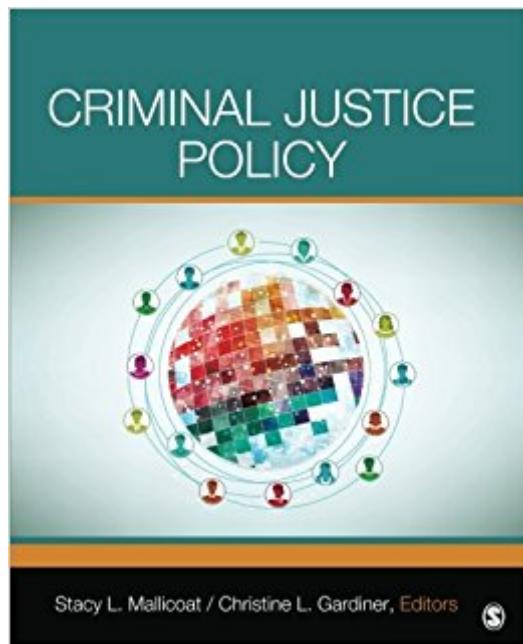


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It served its purpose for the class. Since it's a text book I really can't elaborate on how fantastic it is.

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interesting textbook. too little detail in some areas for my taste & too much on the less relevant subjects. good price, though.

Interesting book.

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