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The new edition includes 14 new selections, ranging from classic works by Beccario and Reckless to recent selections on social disorganization, deterrence, critical, and control balance theories. Two new sections have been added: "The Origins of Modern Criminology" and "Developmental Theories: Crime and the Life Course." Many of the other sections have been substantially revised. The section on biological and psychological theories, for example, now includes recent work by Ellis, Walsh, Rowe, Caspi, Moffitt, Brennan, Raine, and others.

New introductory essays provide overviews of the different theories and perspectives and their relationship to one another. The reader is divided into twelve sections, each covering a major theoretical approach to the study of crime. Each section begins with a classic statement of the theoretical approach, after which selections from contemporary theories are presented. This eases instruction because students are able to trace how criminological thinking develops?witnessing how scholars "stand on the shoulders of the giants" in the field to see differently, if not farther.

Each individual reading offers an introduction that alerts readers to key points and integrates the selection into the larger themes of the section. These introductions serve as a useful "road map" as students travel through the ongoing intellectual developments, diverse views, and continuing debates that make the study of criminological theory an exciting adventure.

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