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This book provides a lively, concise and definitive introduction to the study of the causes of crime. Authoritative yet accessible, it offers a guide to the historical development of criminology as an academic discipline and in doing so:

- presents an overview of a range of different theories of crime, including classical, biological, psychological and sociological approaches
- analyses the strengths and weaknesses of each theory discussed
- provides chapter overview boxes and key summary points
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