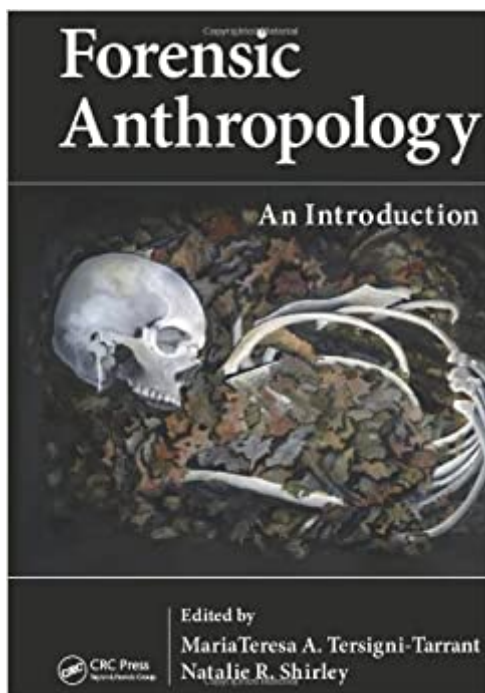


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# Forensic Anthropology: An Introduction



## Synopsis

The field of forensic anthropology has evolved dramatically in the past 40 years, as technological advances have led to new research initiatives and extended applications. This robust, dynamic, and international field has grown to include interdisciplinary research, continually improving methodology, and globalization of training. Reflecting the diverse nature of the science from the experts who have shaped it, *Forensic Anthropology: An Introduction* incorporates standard practices in addition to cutting-edge approaches in a user-friendly format, making it an ideal introductory-level text. The book begins with a historical overview of forensic anthropology and then presents the background and methodology of each specialty area. Designed for readers without previous theory-based or practical physical anthropology course experience, each chapter gives a detailed history and explanation of a particular methodology. Presenting topics within their areas of accomplishment and expertise, the authors include up-to-date analytical techniques and provide examples of these applications in typical casework. Through the book's accessible style of presentation, readers will gain an in-depth understanding of the history, methods, theory, and future direction of forensic anthropology. Suitable for undergraduate or master's level students, educators and professionals will also find the currency of information and the high-quality photos and illustrations useful in their practice.

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Worst class I've ever taken... Pretty decent book but wow the class is rough. Not recommended.

As expected.

I used this book for Forensic Anthropology course. It's good for an introduction but was hoping for more applied case studies and research. I've met some of the professors featured in the book and know their research quite well. Good text all around.

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