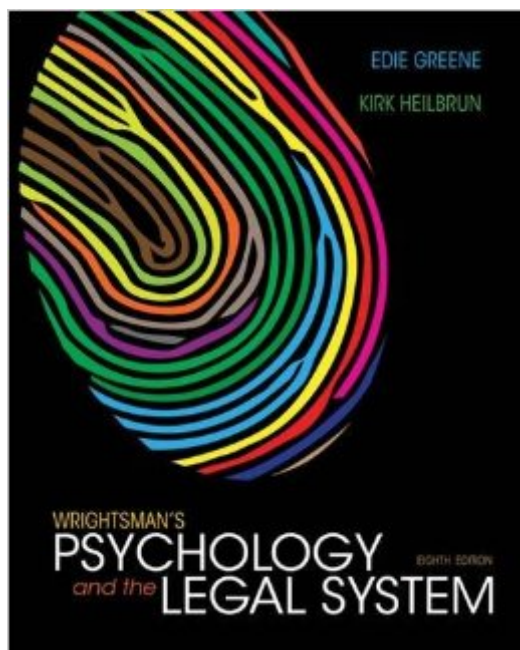


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This is a required textbook for my Psychology and the Law class. So far, we are 5 chapters into the book, so I feel I can give a fairly decent review. The content of the text is interesting, well-researched, and well-supported. There are explanations of basic concepts and terms for those

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We have this class for our psychology and law class, the book is basically useless to anyone who has taken psychology or sociology type courses in undergrad. The book reads like a primary school text book. For a law student the book is basically useless.

Had to buy this for a course. It was a very interesting course that taught me things about the legal system that I did not know much about.

You can't really go crazy over a textbook but I did find it full of information. Cheaper on this site compared to a lot of others.

its a great book with classical examples of all the subjects included. Its an easy read and I really like all the case files

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