Understanding Crime Data: Haunted by the Dark Figure (annotated edition)

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Open University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Understanding Crime Data: Haunted by the Dark Figure (annotated edition), Clive Coleman, Jenny Moynihan, * What are the main ways of acquiring numerical information about crime and offenders? * How can we understand this information and avoid the various pitfalls of interpretation? * What does the evidence tell us about the relationships between offending and age, sex, race, class, unemployment, and trends in crime over the years? This clear and practical text breathes life into an essential subject that students have at times found uninspiring. It provides a guide to crime data for those with little background in the subject and at the same time, it will provide a source of reference for more experienced researchers. The authors have, for example, minimized as far as possible the presentation of detailed figures and complicated tables, but they have not avoided some of the more difficult issues that arise in interpreting and using such data. Understanding Crime Data begins by locating the study and use of crime data within the theoretical and historical development of criminology, a subject that has long been haunted by the dark figure of hidden crime and offenders. Readers...

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