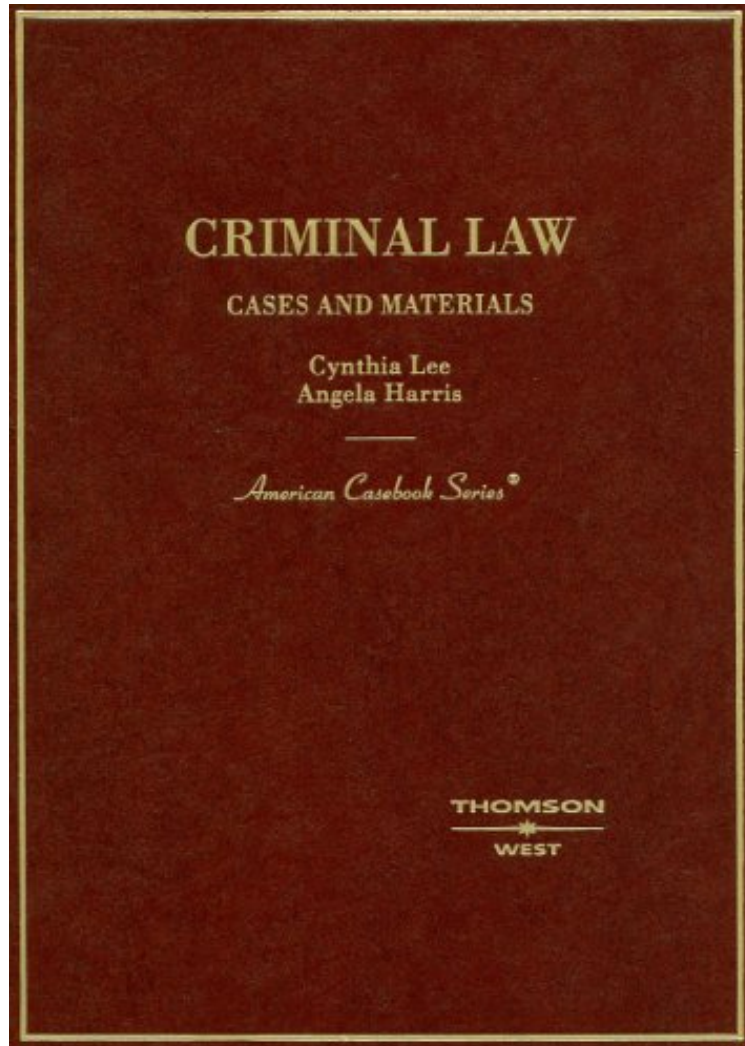


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Cynthia Lee, Angela Harris : Criminal Law, Cases and Materials (American Casebook Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Criminal Law, Cases and Materials (American Casebook Series):

12 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Good casebook, but not for reactionariesBy JuiceThe reviews here that attack Lee and Harris for being "radical," "leftist," and "feminist" ignore the fact that this casebook includes the same seminal cases as any other decent criminal law book, with the bonus of including several cases and discussions not to be found in most.Every law class has a group of people who hem and haw and roll their eyes every time the word "race," "class," or "gender" is mentioned. They say things like "if they want to teach that, let them teach a class on it, we need to know what the law really IS." This completely ignores the fact that these authors are trying to

recontextualize criminal law to enable students to understand it for what it really is. Instead of showing it as a pristine gem of various threads of common law, they show it to be a conflicted, flawed, at times brilliant, at times horrific, but always ever-evolving area of law. Would the people complaining about Lee Harris mind if a casebook included an article by Posner about how crime is basically due to constraints on the market? Probably not -- and yet such a position would actually be far more radical than what's in here. The fallacy of attacks such as those in some of the reviews here is that they claim that all they're saying is that they want to know what the law really IS, etc. since they're supposed to be learning something practical. The truth is that if you want to be a successful attorney, you need to know everything that may influence your case, your judge, your client, the system, etc. It's ridiculous to think that law somehow exists in a bubble. If you go up to a judge and start spouting falsely-clear legal principles with no real understanding of the historical, social, and theoretical context in which they exist/which they have constructed, then you will not make a good impression and your client will suffer as a result. I don't know if this is a perfect casebook. But I do encourage professors to give it a chance before dismissing it in the way that some reviewers here have.

4 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Pure Propaganda By Monkeys This text is best avoided by anyone who isn't a radical leftist (and I do mean radical!). Every single case and piece of supplementary material in the text is presented from an anti-white racist or radical feminist viewpoint. For example, every single case discussed in the "Constitutional Limitations" section of the text involves blacks who were ostensibly discriminated against. Every single one. Are Lee and Harris trying to give the impression that the only issue/issues involving Constitutional limitations on criminal law involve white mistreatment of blacks? It sure seems that way. There is no attempt to hide the text's political bias, either. Supplementary materials include numerous attempts to spin the disproportionate amount of crime committed by non-whites by blaming the problem on a "racist" justice system. Most of the time, this text reads more like a liberal apologetic for non-white crime than a textbook/casebook about criminal law. Do you hate people of European descent? Blame them for all of your failings? Want to learn about how the Anglo-Saxon men who created our legal system (and indeed our entire country) are responsible for all of the problems of black Americans? Then you'll positively love this text.

4 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Feminist Critique in the guise of a Criminal Law Casebook By Macho Man I wish our teacher used the LaFare or Dressler casebooks who compile cases relevant to the study of criminal law in general. If we had, we would have been able to cover all the crimes in due time. Instead we are stuck with this biased casebook while we waste our time discussing feminist critique of crimes (especially rape). This casebook is inundated with Feminist articles. Frankly, I don't want to waste my time studying this topic. If the feminists really want to change the law, then run for Congress and change the law! Until then do not waste our time studying what the law should be instead of what the law actually is.

In this criminal law casebook, Angela Harris, Boalt Hall School of Law, U.C. Berkeley, and author of *Gender and Law: Theory, Doctrine, Commentary* with Katherine Bartlett (1998) and *Race and Races: Cases and Resources for a Diverse America* with Juan Perea, Richard Delgado and Stephanie Wildman (2000), and Cynthia Lee, The George Washington University Law School and author of *Murder and the Reasonable Man* (NYU Press 2003), offer a refreshingly critical perspective on the well-established substantive criminal law. Harris and Lee highlight issues regarding race, gender and sexual orientation to an extent unparalleled in most of the existing criminal law casebooks, offering the criminal law professor who wishes to engage students in such issues the opportunity to do so without burdening them with additional supplemental material. The casebook offers lightly-edited cases for fuller contextual background and discussion, and introductory text to provide students with a road map of the cases which follow.