

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of *Bombers and Firesetters*

REFERENCE: McDonald, J. M., *Bombers and Firesetters*, Charles C Thomas, Springfield, Ill., 1977, 252 pages, no price listed.

The author, a professor of psychiatry, acknowledges contributions to the book by a bomb squad police captain and another professor of psychiatry. The book is written in a vein which will interest nontechnical readers, yet be of interest to those who want some insight into the mechanics and motivations for bombing and arson incidents. The book is laced with fragments of case histories and anecdotes derived from interviews with more than 30 bombers and more than 100 fire setters, including on-the-scene observations in Northern Ireland.

The book is not intended for crime laboratory personnel in terms of identification procedures, but it will appeal to the broad interests of the investigations of bomb and fire incidents.

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