

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of Sciences Legales et Police Scientifique (in French)

REFERENCE: Clement, J. L., *Sciences Legales et Police Scientifique*, Masson, 120, Boulevard Saint-Germain 75280, PARIS Cedex 06, France, 1987, 296 pp.

The author, J. L. Clement, has a Ph.D. in Sciences. He is a member of the Society of Legal Medicine of Paris, of the International Association of Forensic Science, and of the Forensic Science Society.

The publisher, Masson, is represented in Paris, New York, Barcelona, Milan, Mexico, and Sao Paulo.

The book, printed in March 1987, contains 296 pages with 93 illustrations. At the beginning is an index in French and English.

The main chapters are: General Methods and Techniques, Experimental Methods in Forensic Sciences, The Chemical and Biological Study of the Trace Materials, Human and Instrumental Traces, Ballistics, Arsons and Explosions, Forgeries, Drugs, The Main Reagents and Coloring Solutions Used in Forensic Sciences, and Firearms Legislation in France.

The author skillfully discusses the role of computers and their criminal use as well as the concept, choice, specificity, and limitations of various analytical methods.

At the end of each chapter are numerous bibliographic references. This concise book provides much information and will be useful to forensic scientists, law enforcement officers, and attorneys.

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