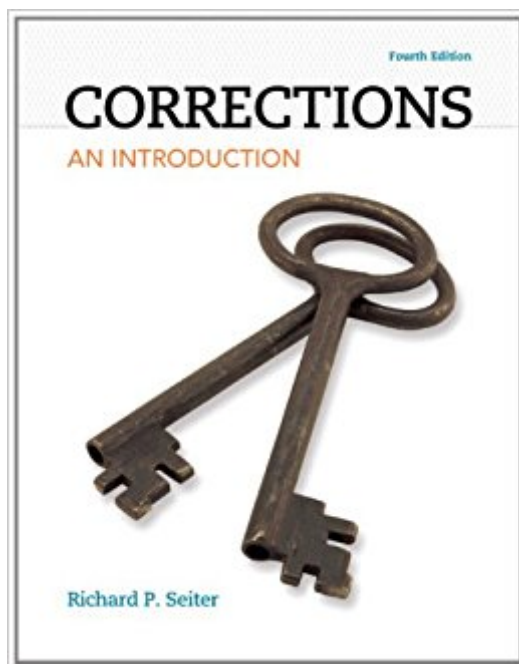


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# Corrections: An Introduction (4th Edition)



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A practical, inside look at the world of corrections. **Corrections: An Introduction, Fourth Edition**, provides a practical approach to the world of corrections. The text focuses on what people do in corrections and why, as well as the challenges that face contemporary correctional staff and administrators. This unique approach integrates the author's practical experience with the theory, history and policy that students need to know. The text demonstrates both the realities of and reasons behind correctional practices at the local, state, and federal levels. Chapters also present case studies, information on careers, and real examples of situations to provide students with an understanding of the practical aspects of working in corrections.

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**EXPERIENCE THE WORLD OF CORRECTIONS FROM THE INSIDE** **Corrections: An Introduction** is the first introduction to corrections text written by an author who is both a former corrections professional and an accomplished scholar. Practical, contemporary and concise, the book introduces students to the people in the real world of corrections, what they do, why they do it, and the challenges they face every day. Illustrated throughout with full-color charts, graphs, and over 100 photographs taken by the author himself, "Corrections: An Introduction" shows students how corrections history, theory, and research are put into practice. **PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVE** Hands-on boxed features bring the world of corrections to life: "An Insider's Experience": The author shares his first-hand experiences in the system "Your Career in Corrections": Realistic information about corrections jobs "You Make the Decision": Students take on the roles of

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Â Richard P. Seiter is a career correctional professional, having worked in prisons and for correctional agencies for more than thirty years. Following receipt of his Ph.D. in Public Administration from the Ohio State University (OSU), he was a research associate and Assistant Director of the Crime and Delinquency Center at OSU. In 1976, he began a career with the BOP and worked in two federal prisons (the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California, and the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas). He was Director of the BOP Staff Training Center in Denver, Colorado, and became the first Chief of the NIC National Academy of Corrections in Boulder, Colorado. He served as warden of two federal prisons (the Federal Prison Camp in Allenwood, Pennsylvania, and the Federal Correctional Institution in Greenville, Illinois). He also served as both Assistant Director for Industries, Education, and Training and Chief Operating Officer of Federal Prison Industries, with sales of over \$400 million per year of prison-made products. Dr. Seiter was Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for almost six years. In this position, he was responsible for all Ohio prisons, the parole board and parole supervision, and many community correctional programs. He managed an annual budget of \$400 million and a staff of 8,000, and he oversaw the construction of more than 10,000 prison beds at a cost of \$500 million. After retiring from the BOP, he became Professor and Director of Criminal Justice at Saint Louis University (SLU). During this time, he wrote two textbooks, published several articles, and expanded the program and course offerings at SLU. From 2005 until 2011, he was Executive Vice President of Corrections Corporation of America, the largest private prison company in the United States. In this position, Dr. Seiter oversaw the operation of the sixth largest prison system in the country, with 63 prisons, 17,000 staff members, and 75,000 inmates.

This book was required for a Corrections course I took. It did a good job of explaining how prison systems work, the judicial processes post primary incarceration, the history of corrections and addresses several theories about what does and doesn't work in the correctional system. I would have liked to see it address some more of procedures and policies and how they differ in alternate facilities and levels of incarceration. If you read the book, you'll be well versed in all of the above and be clearly able to identify different correctional facilities and methods, some of which don't even involve a facility. Be warned, my instructor once gave a test on the section dealing only with prison slang. That one I passed only because I'm a good guesser, as I had not read the material. **SHORT ANSWER:** If you want to learn about the correctional system without working for it or committing a crime first, this book will get you most of what you need to know. The authors are well versed and good at explaining the info.

If your getting this book it is because you are most likely enrolled in a corrections class. So it won't really matter what you think about the book. I ordered mine on because it was a little bit cheaper than my campus book store. The book came on time and was in brand new condition. I have had another corrections book before and I actually like this one better. There is a lot of pictures and the terms are reiterated on the side of the pages making them easy to locate when studying for a test.

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The material in this book is easy to read. You will ascertain a good understanding of how correctional systems operate as well as knowledge on the staff and administration members that run the facilities.

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