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## Criminal Man (Paperback)

By Cesare Lombroso

Duke University Press, United States, 2006. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Cesare Lombroso is widely considered the founder of criminology. His theory of the born criminal dominated European and American thinking about the causes of criminal behavior during the late nineteenth century and the early twentieth. This volume offers English-language readers the first critical, scholarly translation of Lombroso's *Criminal Man*, one of the most famous criminological treatises ever written. The text laid the groundwork for subsequent biological theories of crime, including contemporary genetic explanations. Originally published in 1876, *Criminal Man* went through five editions during Lombroso's lifetime. In each edition Lombroso expanded on his ideas about innate criminality and refined his method for categorizing criminal behavior. In this new translation, Mary Gibson and Nicole Hahn Rafter bring together for the first time excerpts from all five editions in order to represent the development of Lombroso's thought and his positivistic approach to understanding criminal behavior. In *Criminal Man*, Lombroso used modern Darwinian evolutionary theories to prove the inferiority of criminals to honest people, of women to men, and of blacks to whites, thereby reinforcing the prevailing politics of sexual and racial hierarchy. He was particularly...



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