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Review

The authors blend extensive policing experience with sound academic grounding to produce a very readable text that is comprehensive in coverage and well researched contributing to both knowledge and understanding of the system of American policing.

I think the ability of the authors to humanize the police role is what distinguishes it from the competition. This text will really make students think about whether they want to take on this role, instead of letting them jump to conclusions about what the life is like.

[The text is] is exhaustive (in content) - but not exhausting (to read!)

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