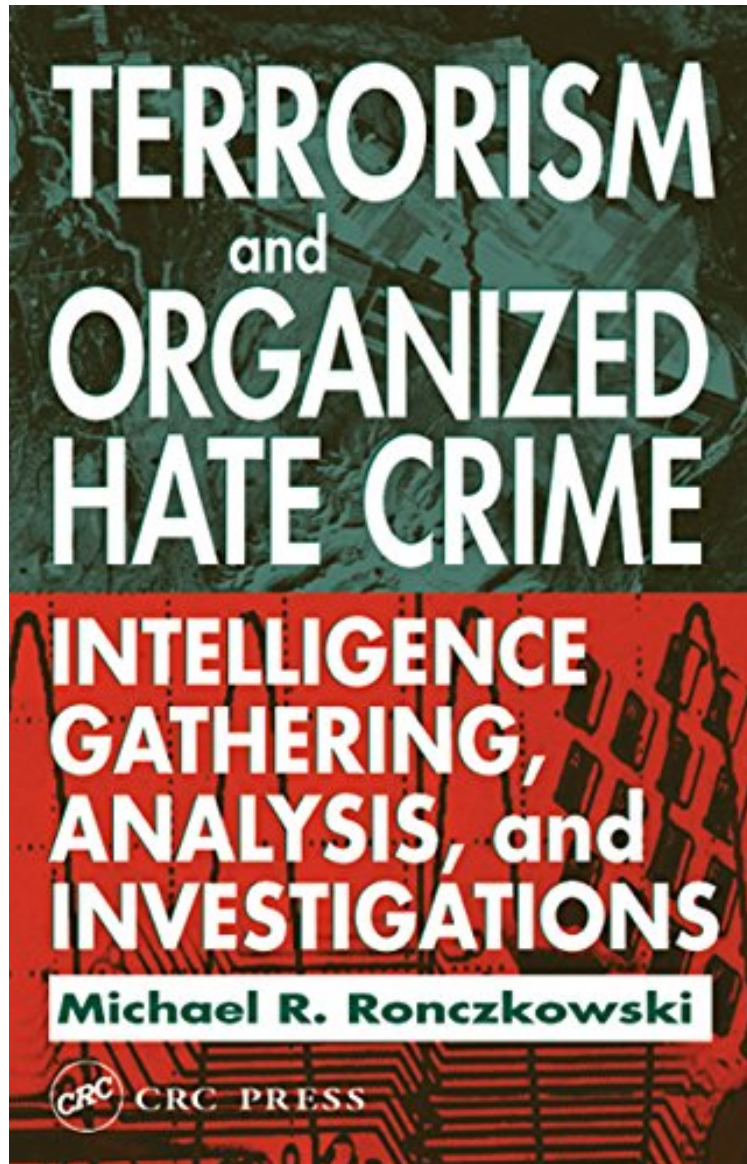


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2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Great topic, but... 2.5 starsBy FleminesI'd rather give this book 2.5 stars, but I don't have that option. I started off with three, but as I started to write out my criticism, I realized that three

stars would be too generous. While I appreciate what the author is trying to do with this book, this may be a case of trying to cover too much ground in a condensed work. The author provides an introduction to terrorist groups, various analytic methods, and touches on gangs and religiously-motivated extremism. Unfortunately, the broad brush approach isn't properly focused. The author makes generalizations that can be misleading while skipping over more important information. I've been searching for other honest reviews of this book and find it hard to believe that everyone truly rates this as five stars. Perhaps I'm not reading this book correctly, but there were many times where it seems the author contradicts himself within the same paragraph. I noticed that there is not an editor listed for this book and I believe that this may in fact be the main issue I have with the book... someone should be pushing to reorganize all of the information laid out and ask the author to clarify his points. 6 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Good overview, lacks intense background

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The author puts together a good work with relatively well gathered sources. However, with the changing scene of global political affairs, international terrorism and organized hate crime should be divided into 2 topics of discussion when writing about domestic security and the methods used to gather intelligence and conduct investigations. The ability to gather intelligence, and analyze critical events becomes a little more difficult when agencies lack people with adequate language skills. The intent along with patience and sophistication make foreign terrorists a much bigger security threat than organized hate crime groups. However certain sections of his text provide a great outlook at what the future holds, such as cyberterrorism and bioterrorism and the challenges facing US law enforcement. The text also does not offer enough information about the origins of certain terrorist movements, which might deplete his thesis about how US law enforcement should approach issues of national security. This lack of political history of nations and peoples is probably due to the author's lack of experience in either federal law enforcement or any contact with personnel from the state department or any intelligence agency. As an example how much can the author expand on middle east terrorism and Al-Qaeda or Hamas without ever even mentioning the ideologies of Sayyad Qutb? Overall, the text is good but my suggestion is that when writing about the issues the author discusses, a differentiation must be made between the spread of mid east and southeast terrorists and domestic based "american" groups. The challenges are different, primarily due to language and thus the methods of gathering intel and analyzing it will differ somewhat. Furthermore the lack of explanation at ideologies does not enable the reader to perhaps encounter a counterideology... and see the true face of what terrorists intend to do with the United States and to that we should refer at least slightly to the teachings of Sayyad Qutb. 4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Former Director

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In response to the current terrorist threat, law enforcement agencies at every level have expanded technological and intelligence-gathering initiatives in order to support new tactical, investigative and deployment strategies. The demand for homeland security requires that agencies hire professional and specially-trained criminal and intelligence analysts to find and pre-empt any potential threat. Agencies must now determine how to train these analysts and properly identify and respond to critical intelligence. *Terrorism and Organized Hate Crime: Intelligence Gathering, Analysis, and Investigations* provides a framework for exploring the issues that all new or existing analysts and investigators must face, including what information to gather, how to analyze it, and the effectiveness of crime analysts investigating terrorism. Training in proactive analytical-based investigation has been around for less than thirty years. Events now mandate that unavoidable importance of understanding "terrorism analysis." This expert overview provides the crucial foundation of criminal intelligence gathering and analysis and defines the nature of terrorism and its practitioners, subjects of vital importance if local agencies are to play an effective role in the battle against terror.

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