Criminology: A Very Short Introduction
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Criminology: A Very Short Introduction considers how to measure crime, how crime trends can be studied, and how those trends can be used to inform preventative policy and criminal justice. Analysing the history of the subject, it reflects on our understanding of and responses to crime in earlier historical periods. Considering trends in crime in the developed world, causes, and the relationship between drugs and crime are explored, analysing what we know about why people stop offending, and looking at both formal and informal responses to crime. It concludes by discussing what role criminology can plausibly be anticipated to have in crime control and politics, and what its limits are.