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In the decade since the publication of the first edition of *The Cambridge Handbook of Forensic Psychology*, the field has expanded into areas such as social work and education, while maintaining the interest of criminal justice researchers and policy makers. This new edition provides cutting-edge and comprehensive coverage of the key theoretical perspectives, assessment methods, and interventions in forensic psychology. The chapters address substantive topics like acquisitive crime, domestic violence, mass murder, and sexual violence, while also exploring emerging areas of research, such as the expansion of cybercrime, particularly child sexual exploitation, as well as aspects of terrorism and radicalisation. Reflecting the global reach of forensic psychology and its wide range of perspectives, the international team of contributors emphasises diversity and cross-reference between adults, adolescents, and children to deliver a contemporary picture of the discipline.

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Preface

The first edition of *The Cambridge Handbook of Forensic Psychology* owes much to the inspiration of Elizabeth Campbell, one of the original editors. Very sadly, Liz died of breast cancer just before the *Handbook* was published in 2010. In compiling the second edition, we very much have her legacy in mind. Jennifer records her huge thanks to Miranda Horvath for stepping up to become the second editor. Her eye for detail, enthusiasm, good humour, and dedication to the project have made editing an enjoyable task in what otherwise would have been a rather bittersweet enterprise. Miranda thanks Jennifer for the opportunity to work together on such an exciting project; for her continued mentorship; and for her general, all-around inspirational brilliance.

The compilation of the second edition was overtaken by COVID-19 and the turmoil it has wreaked on lives and livelihoods the world over. We are enormously grateful to all our authors, who carved out precious time during periods of lockdown during which we all had to invent new ways of working. We were especially delighted that many of the well-established figures in forensic psychology took up our suggestion to involve their graduate students or junior colleagues in writing their chapters. We were also pleased to be able to invite some emerging talent to contribute new chapters. This gives us hope for the health and development of forensic psychology through the commitment and enterprise of these young scholars.

The second edition has changed its format from shorter, thumbnail topic synopses to longer, more substantial chapters. This has inevitably meant losing some topics, but we hope the *Handbook* gains from more in-depth treatment of the substantive issues.

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In the journal survey which features in our introductory chapter we note the dearth of research into victims and the lack of attention to diversity. We have tried to address these critically important topics, especially with the attention of Black Lives Matter and the #MeToo movement. We earnestly trust that our academic and practitioner colleagues will share our concerns and help develop an inclusive knowledge and practice.