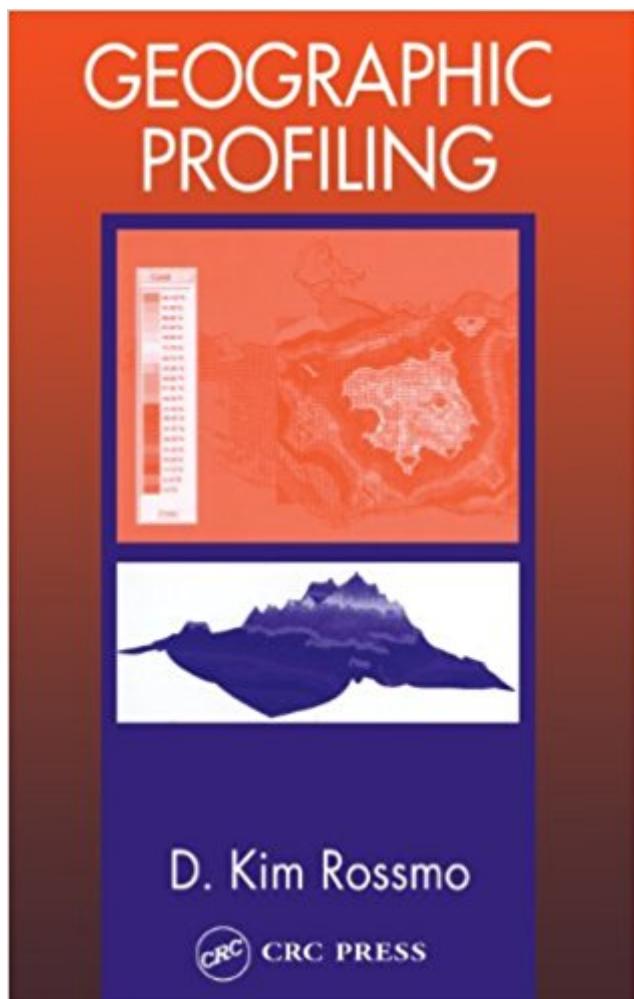


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# Geographic Profiling



## **Synopsis**

As any police officer who has ever walked a beat or worked a crime scene knows, the street has its hot spots, patterns, and rhythms: drug dealers work their markets, prostitutes stroll their favorite corners, and burglars hit their favorite neighborhoods. But putting all the geographic information together in cases of serial violent crime (murder, rape, arson, bombing, and robbery) is highly challenging. Just ask the homicide detectives of the Los Angeles Police Department who hunted the Hillside Stranglers, or law enforcement officers in Louisiana who tracked the brutal South Side rapist. Geographic Profiling introduces and explains this cutting-edge investigative methodology in-depth. Used to analyze the locations of a connected series of crimes to determine the most likely area of offender residence, geographic profiling allows investigators and law enforcement officers to more effectively manage information and focus their investigations. This extensive and exhaustive work explains geographic profiling theories and principles, and includes an extensive review of the literature and research in the areas of criminal profiling, forensic behavioral science, serial violent crime, environmental criminology, and the geography of crime. For investigators and police officers deployed in the field, as well as criminal analysts, Geographic Profiling is a "must have" reference.

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"a gift of genius with immense potential for both 'front-line' criminal investigators and academic criminologists an illuminating foundation for future research." -Gregg McCrary, FBI Behavioral Science Unit(retired) "D. Kim Rossmo, has concisely put his numerous years of experience as a law enforcement officer and criminologist into a very important and readable book for fellow

practitioners a leader in the field of geographical profiling for many years a must read for law enforcement and criminal justice professionals alike." Crime & Justice International "This is a thoroughly researched and carefully documented book with a bibliography exceeding 65 pages. The bibliography may well be the most extensive in the field, certainly so to this reviewer. For the serious researcher, the book is a 'must have' for the bibliography alone. This book explains the solid foundation on which geographic profiling has helped solve crimes, and includes contact information for qualified geographic profilers the author has trained. An entire chapter is devoted to practical applications of this new technique that address the information management problems presented by many major investigations." --R. E. (Ron) MacKay, Insp., RCM Police (retired), Canadian Society of Forensic Science, 47th Annual Meeting, 2000

Exactly what I wanted in condition even better than described. It also arrived early. What more can I ask? Excellent!

This book is packed with information and offers a complete summary of pertinent research on serial arson, serial homicide, rape, and crime paths. It is the bible of geographic profiling. You won't find a more informative, well-researched, or complete book anywhere.

For those who don't know the name, Rossmo is the detective / mathematician whose pioneering work on criminal profiling in Canada has helped re-shape the way investigators worldwide track down serial offenders. By mathematically studying the location and distribution of crimes, Rossmo developed a way of pinpointing the most likely location of the offender's home base. This book explains his work. Written as a textbook, "Geographic Profiling" is clearly organized, packed with well-documented research, and is both theoretical enough to satisfy university researchers and practical enough to inform the rest of us. The book can at times be dense and a little tough to wade through, but it's worth it. Even though you might gulp when you see the inexplicably high price tag on this book, if you're interested in understanding geographic profiling and the different ways that temporal and spatial crime distribution can assist in investigation, pick up a copy. You'll be glad you did.

Dr. D. Kim Rossmo has done an excellent job of presenting the theories and practice of criminal profiling in general, and geographic profiling in specific. His book is thoroughly researched and based on empirical studies which demonstrate he is a true pioneer in criminology. It should be noted

that geographic profiling can only be tested on solved cases, since it is essential to know where the criminal lives to prove of the validity of any geographic profiling methodology. Dr. Rossmo has proven that geographic profiling is a useful tool to support investigations of serial crimes. Well-written, comprehensive, and innovative--this work could be used as a textbook in any criminology class covering the field of criminal profiling.

This book is a real innovation in the field of crime research. The area of criminal profiling is populated by no shortage of Walter Mittys with no empirical grounding, so is it refreshing to find a text that cements the theories of this complex and fascinating area with empirical analysis of real cases. The text is well written and opens up a new area of criminal behaviour analysis to students and police officers alike. This book will undoubtedly become a key text in the field of criminal profiling and a welcome replacement to the long list of dull criminal psychology books that do not tell you anything useful, because the ivory tower authors have no practical experience.

In this thoroughly researched, meticulously documented and clearly written book, Dr. Rossmo has compellingly demonstrated geographic profiling to be both a powerful tool in the investigation of serial crime as well as an illuminating foundation for future research. This groundbreaking work is a gift of genius with immense potential for both "front-line" criminal investigators as well as academic criminologists. Gregg O. McCrary, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI (Retired)

The science of Geographic Profiling has beeen an important contribution to Criminal Investigative Analysis. Dr. Rossmo knows this territory better than anyone else. He presents the subject in an articulate, comprehensive state-of-the-art book that is essential reading for serial crime investigators. Peter I. Collins, M.C.A.,M.D.,F.R.C.P(C) Behavioural Sciences Section, Investigation Support Bureau, Ontario Provincial Police

I use this book in my Geographic Profiling course and the students read it and keep it(they don't sell it after the final exam). The bibliography alone is worth the price of the book. Rossmo presents an excellent piece of cutting-edge research that is written to effectively communicate with a broad audience.

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