

Counterfeit Book Guide

A counterfeit book is an unauthorized copy, imitation, or replica of an original copyrighted book. It is produced by some source other than the identified and authorized publisher/copyright holder or licensee. The issue of counterfeit books is taken very seriously.

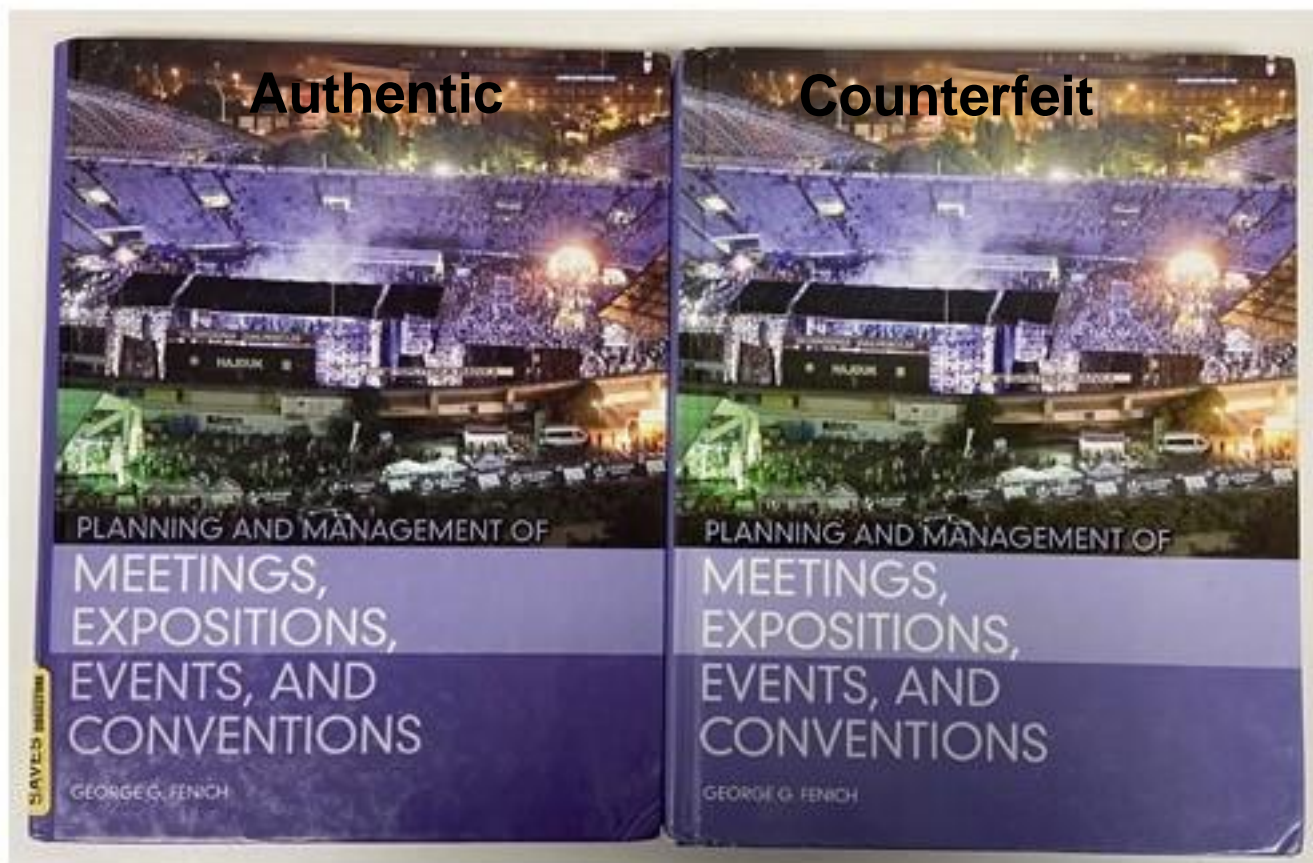
As an industry standard, if a book is determined to exhibit characteristics that indicate it might be counterfeit, the item may be forwarded to the relevant publisher for further inspection. If the item is determined to be counterfeit, then it will be confiscated and destroyed by the publisher. It may be required to provide source information to the publisher.

As a courtesy, we have provided our Delta and Alpha subscription holders of our site, www.BookHunter.com, with Counterfeit Alert info. Counterfeit Alert will show how likely a book may be a counterfeit such as Unlikely, Likely, Very Likely, or Highly Likely.

What do counterfeit books look like?

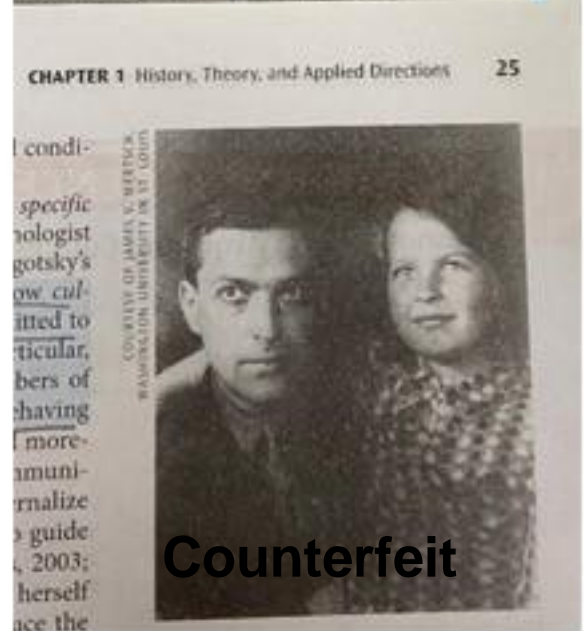
To help our customers (and anyone who is interested) spot a counterfeit textbook, we made a list of some of the differences between authentic and counterfeit versions.

Quality: The writing and/or cover picture can be unclear or pixelated.



Cover art can be lower quality and is not as vibrant as authentic copy. Author's name and title is not vertically centered on the binding.

Inside the book, the text and pictures can be fuzzy, pixelated, and black and white.



Thickness: Counterfeit books are sometimes thinner or thicker due to the bad quality of the pages.



Barcode: It might look slightly fuzzy, like it might have been photocopied, offset, or even colored (barcodes are most of the time black and white).

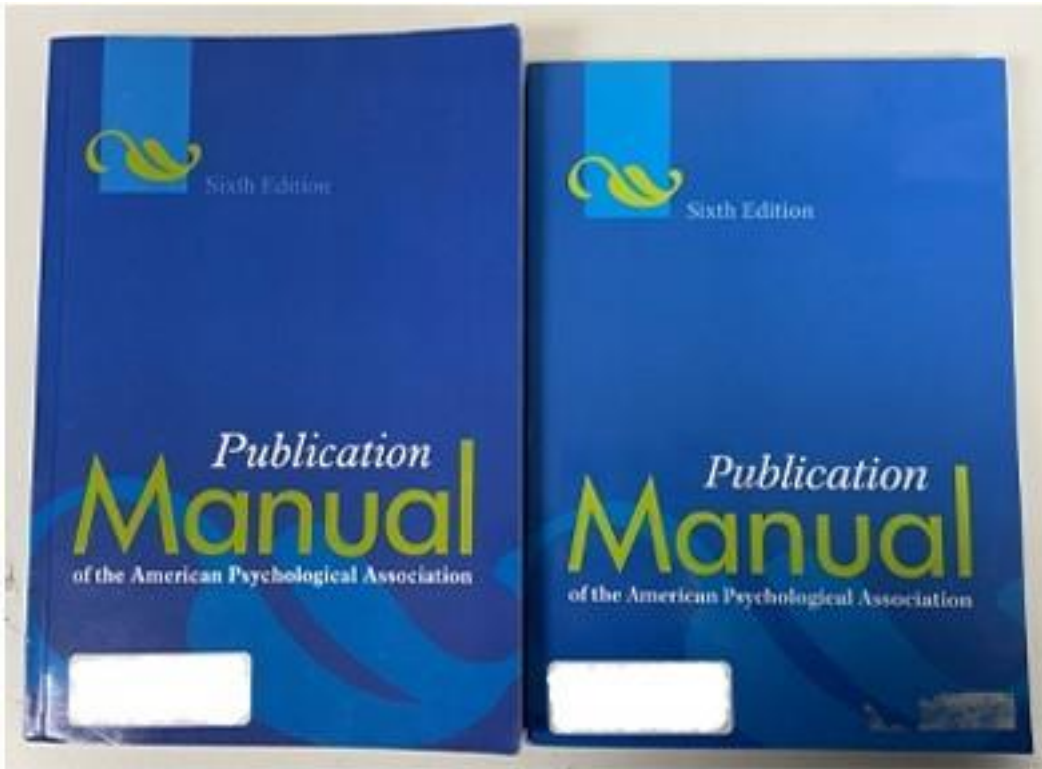


Binding: This can differ from the original copy. The glue can be different color, unevenly distributed, and the book can look poorly made. Cheap glue can also smell different than the original copy.

Examples of counterfeit binding:

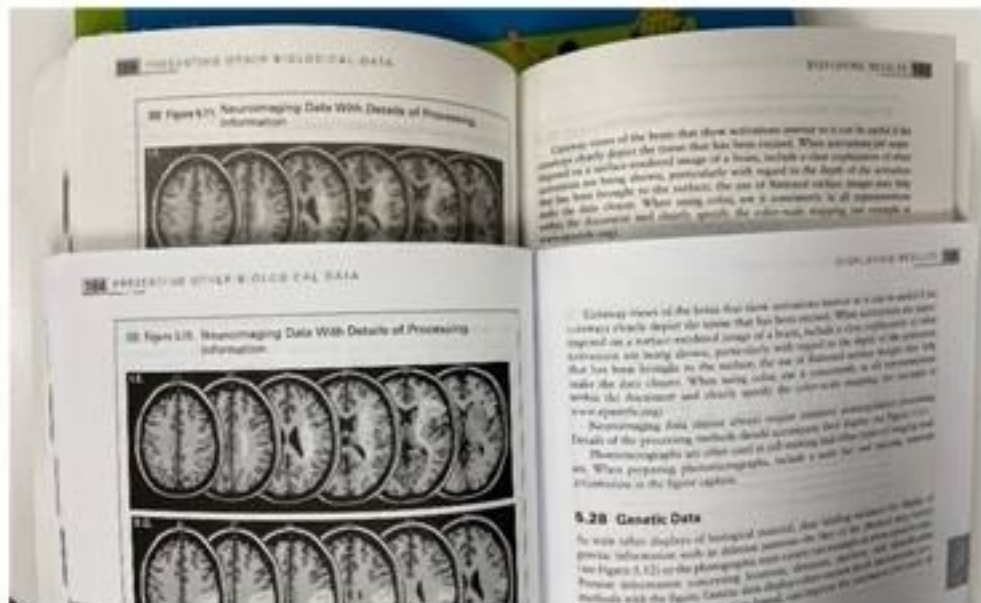
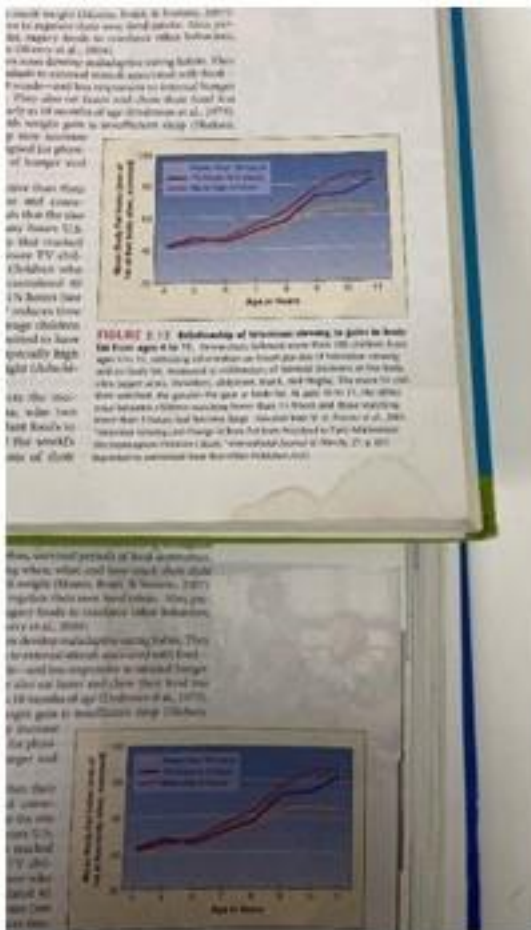


Width: Counterfeit books do not have the same width as the original copies as the illegal producers usually use less paper.



The counterfeit copy is bigger than the authentic copy.

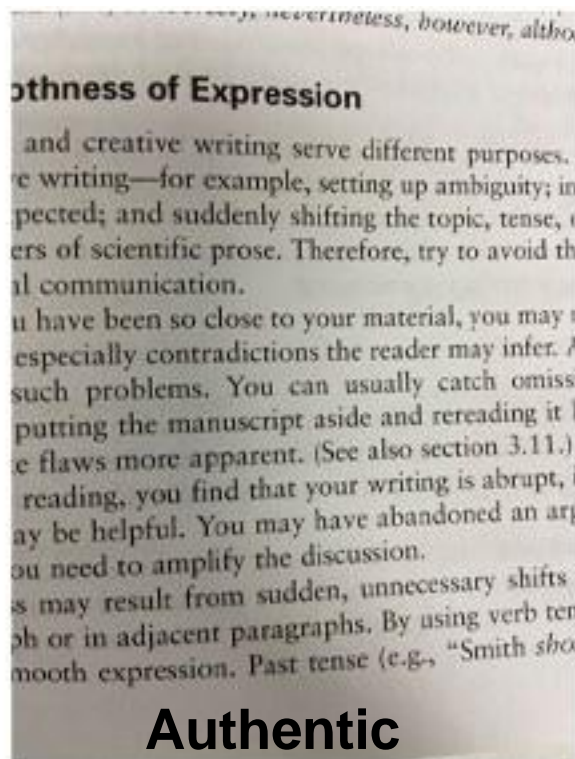
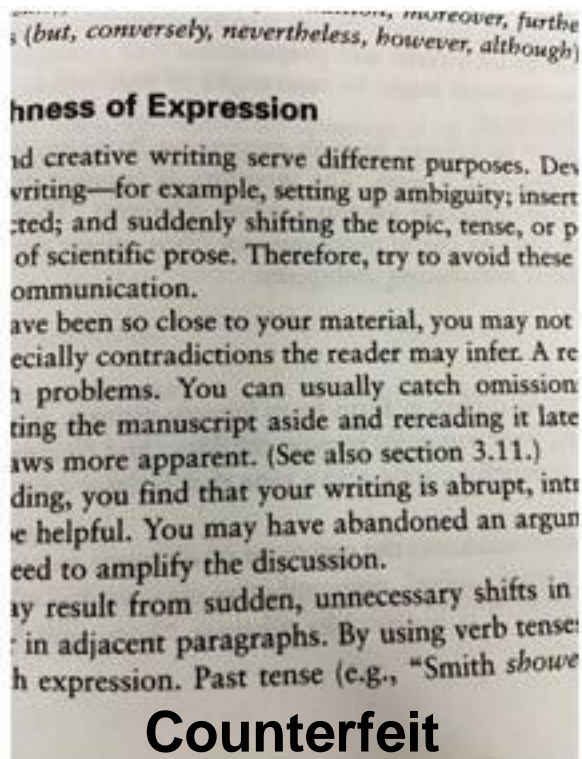
Pages and paper: Sometimes pages are thinner than they are supposed to be. Also the text/pictures can be seen through the pages. Authentic versions have glossy or good quality paper. While the counterfeit versions have cheap plain paper. Sometimes, the paper will have a different color shade.



(Left) The picture on the next page of the counterfeit book (bottom) is visible.

(Right) The counterfeit book (top) has a different shade than the authentic.

Text: The quality of the text in counterfeit pages often look cheap and inferior.



The text on the counterfeit (left) is thicker and not as fine as the authentic.

Interceptag: The interceptag on a counterfeit book will be printed on, blurry, and covering words. Authentic interceptag can be a sticker or printed on.



Authentic

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