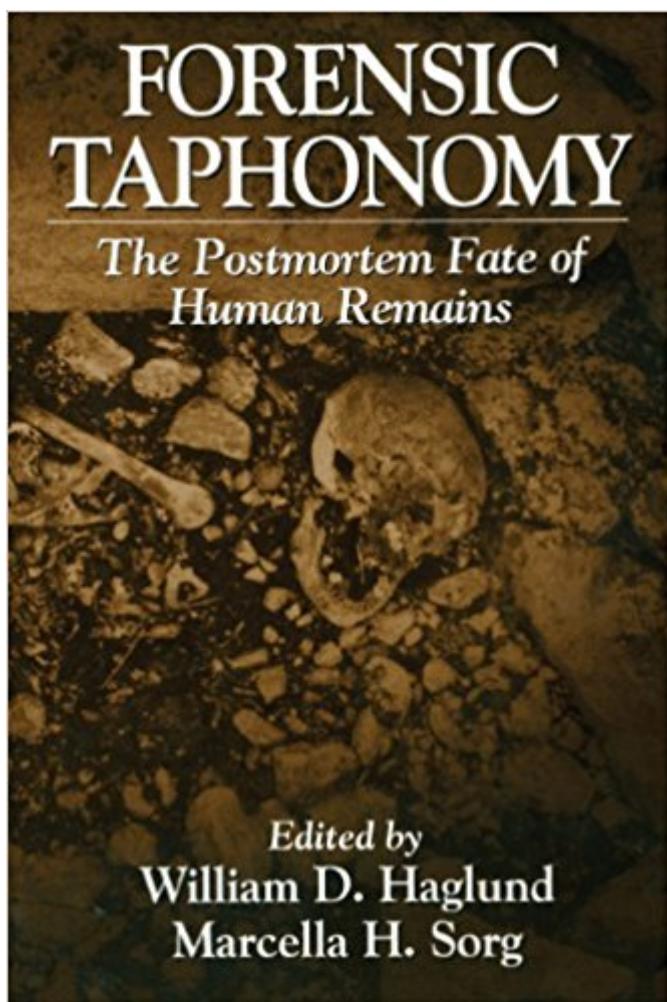


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# Forensic Taphonomy: The Postmortem Fate Of Human Remains (Forensicnetbase)



## Synopsis

Links have recently been established between the study of death assemblages by archaeologists and paleontologists (taphonomy) and the application of physical anthropology concepts to the medicolegal investigation of death (forensic anthropology). *Forensic Taphonomy* explains these links in a broad-based, multidisciplinary volume. It applies taphonomic models in modern forensic contexts and uses forensic cases to extend taphonomic theories. Review articles, case reports, and chapters on methodology round out this book's unique approach to forensic science.

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"The text is a vade mecum on the subject...will surely stand the test of time and will be a ready resource for a variety of professionals" Scientific Sleuthing Review

This volume provides guidelines for determining when to include the services of and how to choose a forensic anthropologist in your investigations. Many examples and anecdotes are offered by the authors, who strive to keep the text at a clear, readable level that is informative yet enjoyable to read. Jargon is purposefully kept to a minimum, but when it is used it is defined in context so that a common use and understanding of the terms can be achieved.

I am a law enforcement officer who is also a search and rescue coordinator. I am occasionally

tasked with providing SAR management and resources during forensic searches. I bought the book after my interest was piqued. However, this book has turned out to be INCREDIBLY useful. The section on animal scavangeing (article after article--bears, canine, rodents, insects) is very useful for ME/coroners or LEO. There's some science, but nothing you can't understand if you stayed awake in high school(!) Virtually every time a new question comes up, it's in the book. I'm currently studying the transport of remains in water. If you need this kind of knowledge, the definately buy the book.

#### GREAT TEXT ON THE TOPIC.

This book, along with the sequel present a good overview of the subject. Both books were required texts for a graduate forensic sciences course.

Haglund and Sorg have done an excellent job of compiling and assembling information about the diverse field of taphonomy. The authors chosen to contribute to this volume are the leaders in their respective sub-disciplines and are illustrative of the many forms taphonomy can take. They further demonstrate that taphonomy is no longer considered just as: the study of skeletal assemblages in paleoecological and archaeological settings. It is a growing, diversifying, multi-faceted field. Students of taphonomy will find references in this book invaluable. In short: it will be your greatest resource in taphonomical studies.

Forensic taphonomy is something that relatively few people in professional and academic settings can claim expertise in. While this book certainly won't make the reader an expert, it offers a wide base of knowledge that can be applied in many different disciplines. This is one of the most useful texts I have and has come in handy for archaeological digs.

Comprehensive review of what happens after death. It's a great book to launch a more in-depth study.

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