

Contents

Companion Website	ix
Acknowledgements	xi
Introduction	1
1 Theorizing Media and Crime	9
Media 'effects'	12
Mass society theory	13
Behaviourism and positivism	14
The legacy of 'effects' research	17
Strain theory and anomie	19
Marxism, critical criminology and the 'dominant ideology' approach	21
The legacy of Marxism: critical criminology and corporate crime	25
Pluralism, competition and ideological struggle	27
Realism and reception analysis	30
Late-modernity and postmodernism	31
Cultural criminology	35
Summary	38
Study questions	40
Further reading	40
2 The Construction of Crime News	43
News values for a new millennium	49
Threshold	49
Predictability	50
Simplification	51
Individualism	53
Risk	55
Sex	56
Celebrity or high-status persons	57
Proximity	60
Violence or conflict	63

Visual spectacle and graphic imagery	64
Children	66
Conservative ideology and political diversion	68
The disappearance of Madeleine McCann: a newsworthy story <i>par excellence</i>	70
News production and consumption in a digital global marketplace: the rise of the citizen journalist	73
News values and crime news production: some concluding thoughts	76
Summary	78
Study questions	79
Further reading	79
3 Media and Moral Panics	81
The background to the moral panic model	84
How the mass media turn the ordinary into the extraordinary	85
The role of the authorities in the deviancy amplification process	86
Defining moral boundaries and creating consensus	88
Rapid social change – risk	90
Youth	91
Problems with the moral panic model	93
A problem with 'deviance'	93
A problem with 'morality'	95
Problems with 'youth' and 'style'	96
A problem with 'risk'	98
A problem of 'source'	99
A problem with 'audience'	100
The longevity and legacy of the moral panic model: some concluding thoughts	103
Summary	105
Study questions	106
Further reading	106
4 Media Constructions of Children: 'Evil Monsters' and 'Tragic Victims'	109
1993 – Children as 'evil monsters'	111
1996 – Children as 'tragic victims'	116
Guilt, collusion and voyeurism	120
Moral panics and the revival of 'community': some concluding thoughts	124
Summary	126
Study questions	127
Further reading	128

5 Media Misogyny: Monstrous Women	129
Psychoanalytic perspectives	131
Feminist perspectives	133
Sexuality and sexual deviance	135
Physical attractiveness	140
Bad wives	141
Bad mothers	143
Mythical monsters	146
Mad cows	148
Evil manipulators	150
Non-agents	152
Honourable fathers vs. monstrous mothers: some concluding thoughts	154
Summary	159
Study questions	160
Further reading	160
6 Police, Offenders and Victims in the Media	163
The mass media and fear of crime	165
The role of the police	170
The role of mobile and social media in policing	175
Crimewatch UK	179
Crimewatching victims	183
Crimewatching offenders	185
Crimewatching the police	186
Crimewatching crime: some concluding thoughts	188
Summary	189
Study questions	190
Further reading	191
7 Crime Films and Prison Films	193
The appeal of crime films	195
The crime film: masculinity, autonomy, the city	197
The 'Prison Film'	201
The prison film and the power to reform?	203
The Documentary	205
Documentary as Ethnography	206
The remake	210
The Taking of Pelham One Two Three and The Taking of Pelham 123	211
Discussion	214
Concluding Thoughts	216
Summary	218
Study questions	218
Further reading	219

8 Crime and the Surveillance Culture	221
NSA, GCHQ and the new age of surveillance	222
Panopticism	224
The surveillant assemblage	226
Control of the body	228
Governance and governmentality	230
Security and 'cybersurveillance'	232
Profit	236
Voyeurism and entertainment	239
From the panopticon to surveillant assemblage and back again	242
'Big Brother' or 'Brave New World'? some concluding thoughts	243
Summary	248
Study questions	248
Further reading	249
9 The role of the Internet in crime and deviance	251
Redefining deviance and democratization: developing nations	
and the case of China	254
Cyber-warfare and cyber-terrorism	257
'Ordinary' cybercrimes	259
Electronic theft and abuse of intellectual property rights	259
Hate crime	260
Invasion of privacy, defamation and identity theft	262
eBay Fraud	264
Hacking and loss of sensitive data	265
Child pornography and online grooming	267
Childhood, cyberspace and social retreat	268
Concluding thoughts	271
Summary	272
Study questions	273
Further reading	273
10 (Re)Conceptualizing the Relationship between	
Media and Crime	275
Doing media-crime research	276
Stigmatization, sentimentalization and sanctification:	
the 'othering' of victims and offenders	282
Summary	291
Study questions	292
Further reading	292
Glossary	293
References	309
Index	325