

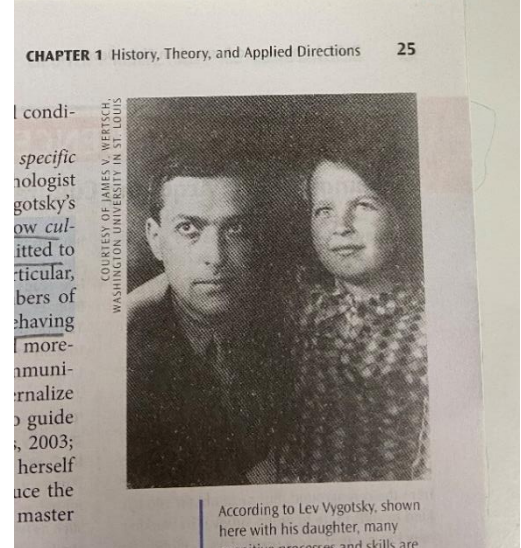
Counterfeit Book

To help our customers (and anyone who is interested) to spot a counterfeit textbook. We made this list of differences between the authentic and counterfeit version.

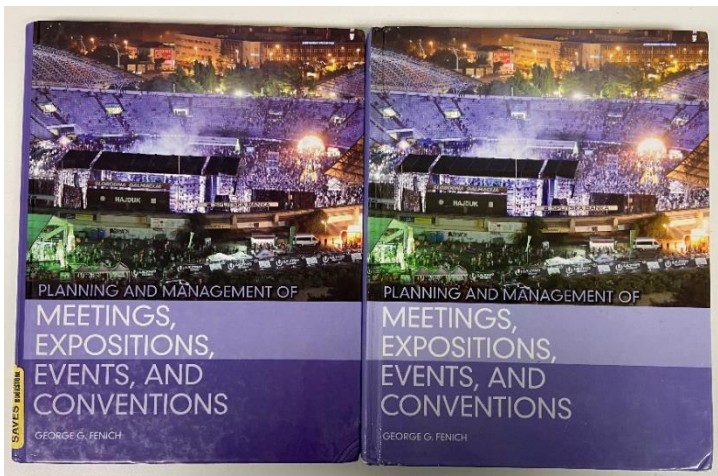
1. **Quality:** Cover art can be lower quality, author's name and title is not vertically centered on the binding. The can writing/picture can also be unclear or pixelated. Inside the book, the text and pictures can be fuzzy, pixelated, and black and white.



Bottom page is the counterfeit. The printing made the picture have a 3d effect as well the heading before the paragraph.



Bottom is the counterfeit. The black and white picture is pixelated. You can tell just by looking at the background of the photo.



The counterfeit is on the right. The cover art is not as vibrant as the authentic copy.

2. **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).



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

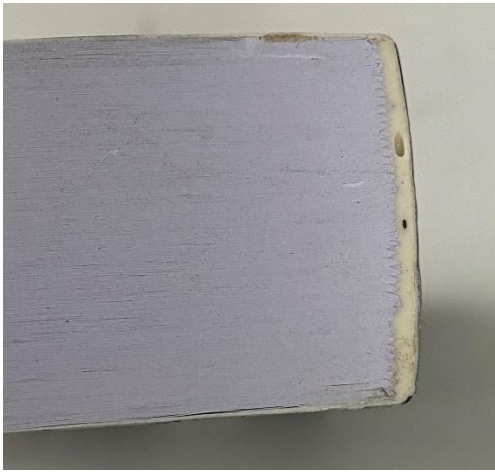
Example: counterfeit book is thicker.



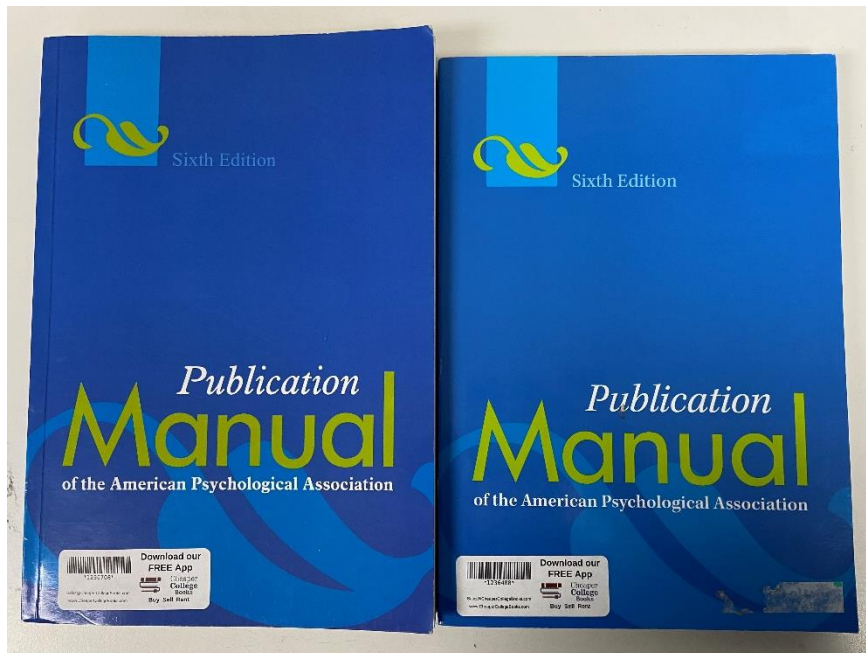
4. **Binding:** This can differ from the original copy. The glue can be different color, unevenly distributed, and the book can look poorly made. Cheap glue can also smell different than that of an original quality edition.

Examples of counterfeit binding:



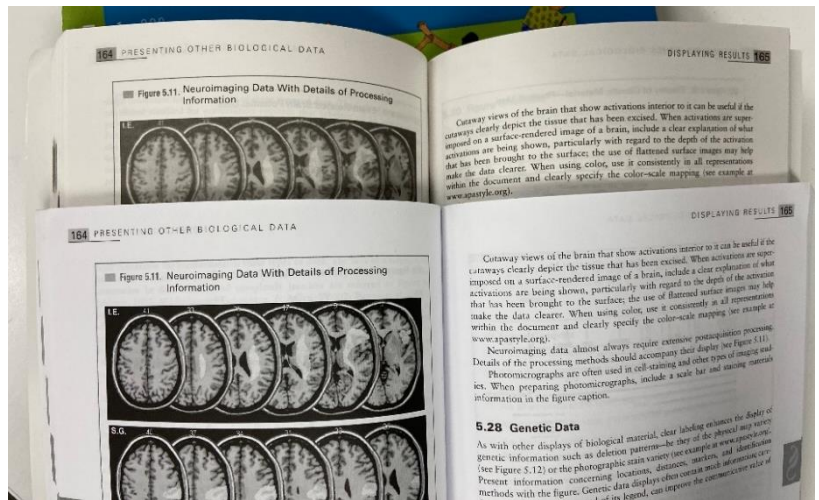
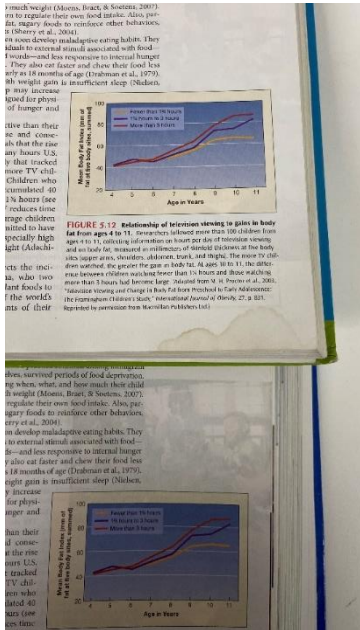


5. **Width:** Counterfeit books do not have the same width as the original copies, as the illegal producers use less paper.



The counterfeit copy is bigger than the authentic copy.

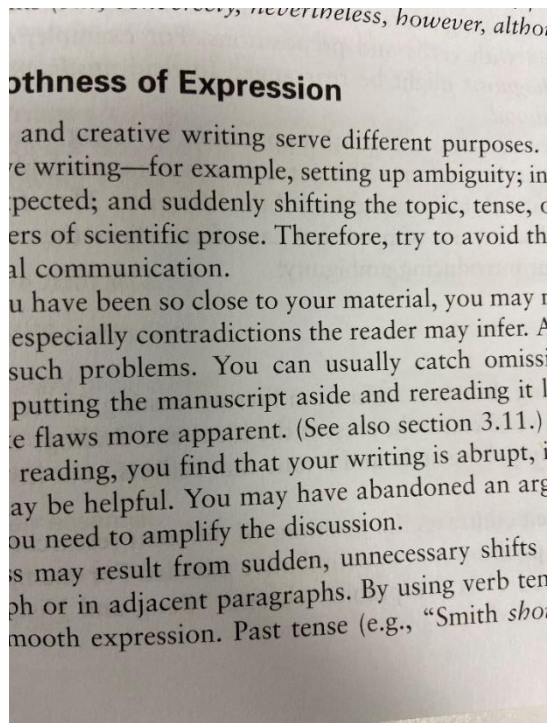
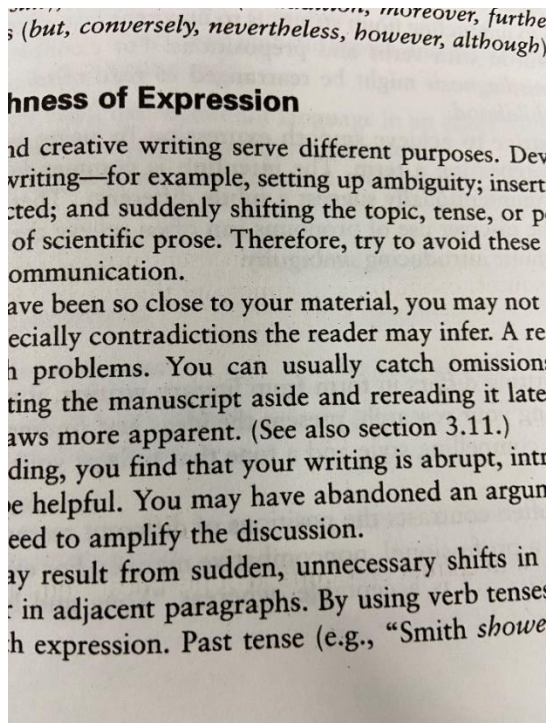
6. **Pages and paper:** Sometimes pages are thinner than they are supposed to be, and also the text/pictures can be seen through the pages. Authentic copies have glossy paper, and counterfeit ones have cheaper plain paper. Sometimes, the paper will have a different color shade.



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

The picture in the counterfeit book (bottom) can be seen through a lot more than the authentic copy.

7. **Text:** The quality of the text in cases of counterfeit pages often look cheap and worse.



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