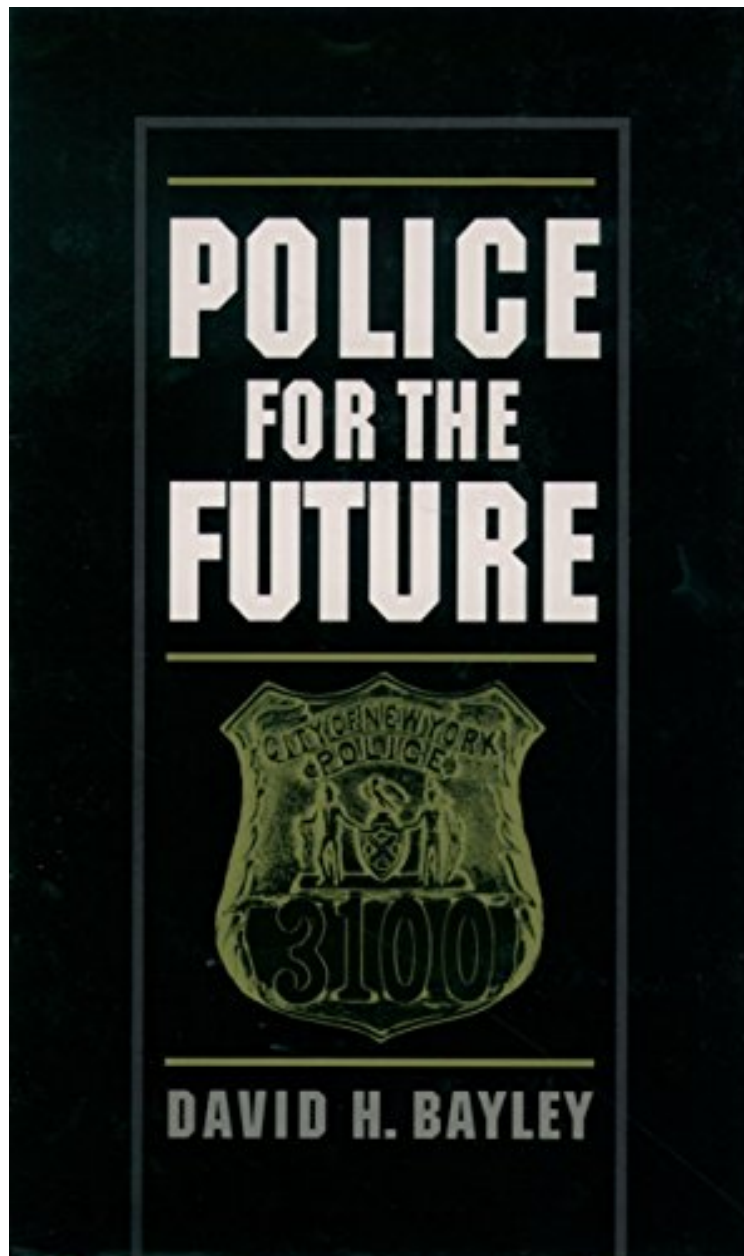


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. David Bayley provides a systematic assessmentVon Ein KundeIn the book, *Police for the Future*, David Bayley provides a systematic assessment of the performance of the police institution as a whole in preventing crime, concluding that the police-as they are currently constituted-do not prevent crime. His study was based on primary research, personal interviews, and first hand observation in five countries: Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, and the United States. Bayley analyzes what police are accomplishing in modern democratic societies, and asks whether police organizations are using their resources effectively to prevent crime. In particular, he assesses some of the major obstacles to effective crime prevention, describes some of the reforms currently being tested by the police, and explains the choices that modern societies have with respect to creating effective police forces. In his concluding chapter, Bayley describes and advocates some new and unique roles for the police force. First, he recommends creating ! a new job title for police-"The Neighborhood Police Officer." The neighborhood police officer, or NPO for short, would become what the general practitioner is to the field of medicine. Accordingly, Bayley envisions NPOs being employed as extensively as conventional patrol officers (Bayley, pp. 146). The main focus of their work would be to diagnose and solve community problems. An NPO's performance would thus be "evaluated in terms of his or her knowledge of local needs and ability to formulate plans that lead to a reduction of those needs" (ibid., pp. 148). Second, Bayley calls for major changes in the current organizational structure of the police. In particular, he argues that "Basic Police Units" should be created-which he defines as "the smallest full-service territorial command unit of a police force" (ibid., pp. 152). BPU's would determine "what resources localities require, stock them for use, and oversee their coordinated deployment" (ibid. pp. 152). These d! ecentralized units would focus on crime and disorder at the! local level and not be held accountable for anything more. Finally, professor Bayley would like to see the occupational expectations of upper management significantly reconstructed. Commanders should be thinking about the "big picture" and avoiding micro-management. Some of the skills that they would need are: a knowledge of what is going on in their organization, an awareness of potential problems, the ability and propensity to propose and initiate reforms, a strong emphasis on program evaluation, the ability to adjust to new organizational practices, and the motivation to encourage a culture supportive of crime prevention. And effective crime prevention, Bayley concludes, will require police systems to be stratified according to function, performance indicators, and accountability (ibid., pp. 159).

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