



Handwriting Examination

What the fraud examiner needs to know about handwriting

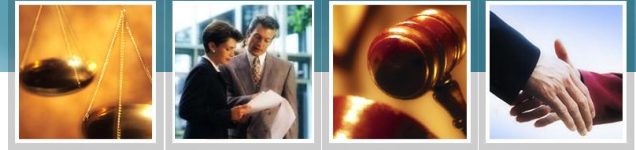
Types of Cases



- *Real estate*
- *Wills*
- *Anonymous notes*
- *Celebrities*
- *Missing persons*
- *Elder abuse*
- *Sibling rivalry*
- *Medical records*
- *Prenup*



2 kinds of handwriting expert...



Law enforcement trained

- Knowledge of handwriting characteristics
- Special equipment
- Training in document examination only

Privately trained

- Knowledge of handwriting characteristics
- Special equipment
- Training in document examination and personality assessment

Experiments in Handwriting



According to Robert Saudek there are three types of Graphology (study of handwriting)

Secret Service course bibliography

1. Experimental Graphology

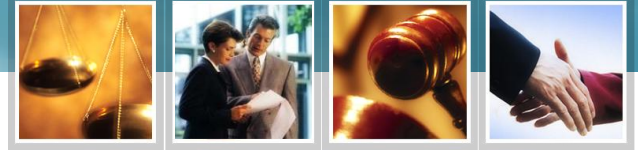


How a document is written

Who wrote it

What affected the writing

What the expert needs to know about your case



- Original documents?
- Photocopy quality?
- Age of alleged signer?
- Writing hand?
- Mental/Physical health?
- Medications/Drugs?
- Assisted hand?
- Coercion?
- Writing surface?
- Writing position?
- Request writing?
- Written report?
- Parties to suit?
- Opposing DE?
- *Who is responsible for paying for my services?*

Forgers & Forgery



3 types of forger:

- Amateur
- Opportunist
- Professional

5 types of forgery

- Skillful simulation
- Non skilled simulation
- No attempt to copy
- Traced
- Electronic

Jameson Harrison

Mykey Wood



Stages of learning to write



- Letter impulse

b c d

- Word impulse

coffee

- Sentence impulse

I like you

Class Characteristics

Factors common to a group of writers
(i.e., Palmer, D'Nealian, etc.)



Individual Characteristics



- The unique characteristics that a writer brings to his or her script and are unlikely to be used by other writers in exactly the same manner.

**Individuation =
Graphic Maturity**



The Master Pattern



The way a writer makes his particular letter forms within the natural variations that occur.

2 important axioms:

- 1. No one signs their name exactly the same way twice.*
- 2. No two people write exactly the same way.*

Writing Habits



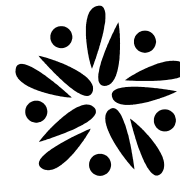
- Baseline alignment
- Baseline placement
- Writing form
- Connectedness
- Speed
- Spacing
- Pressure
- Slant
- Initial strokes
- Final strokes
- Capital letters
- Numbers
- Punctuation
- Patching
- Misspellings
- Tremor



Forgery = 2 Tough Processes



To create a successful forgery, the forger must do two difficult things



3 Factors that affect all handwriting

(experimental graphology)



- **Physiological**



- **Mechanical**



- **Psychological**

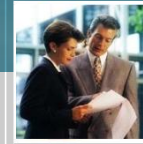


Thinking like a forger



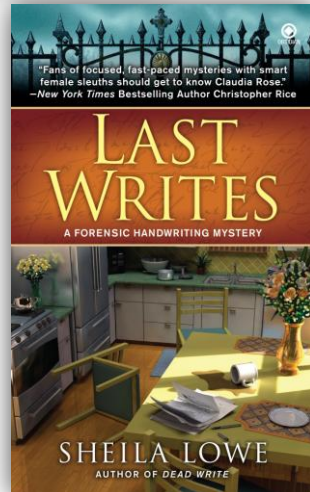
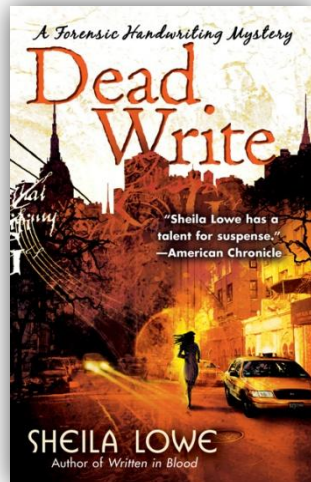
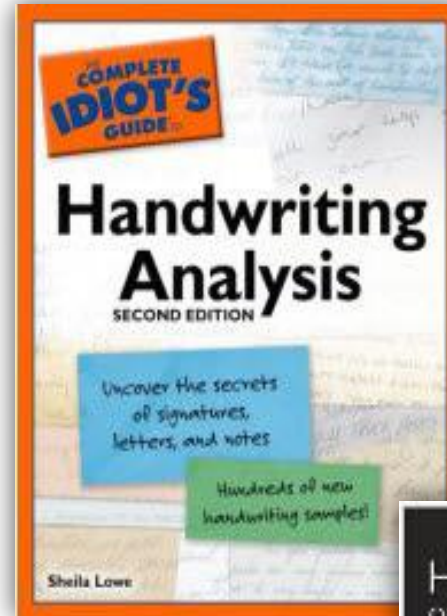
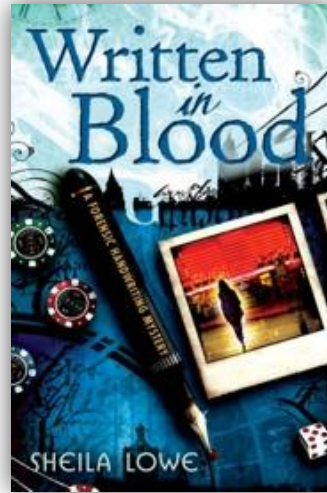
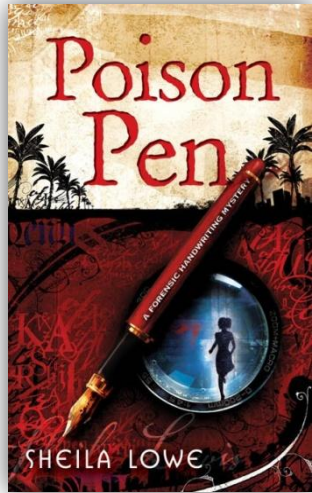
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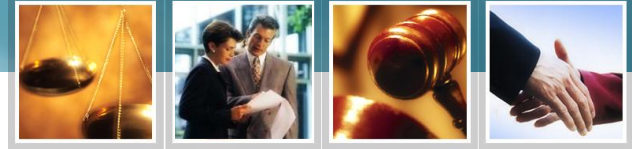


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