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AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO FORENSIC LITERATURE

Forensic DNA Typing Protocols (Methods in Molecular Biology Series, Vol. 297), 1st Edition, *edited by* Angel Carracedo, Hardback, acid-free Paper, 9.3" x 6.3" x 0.9".
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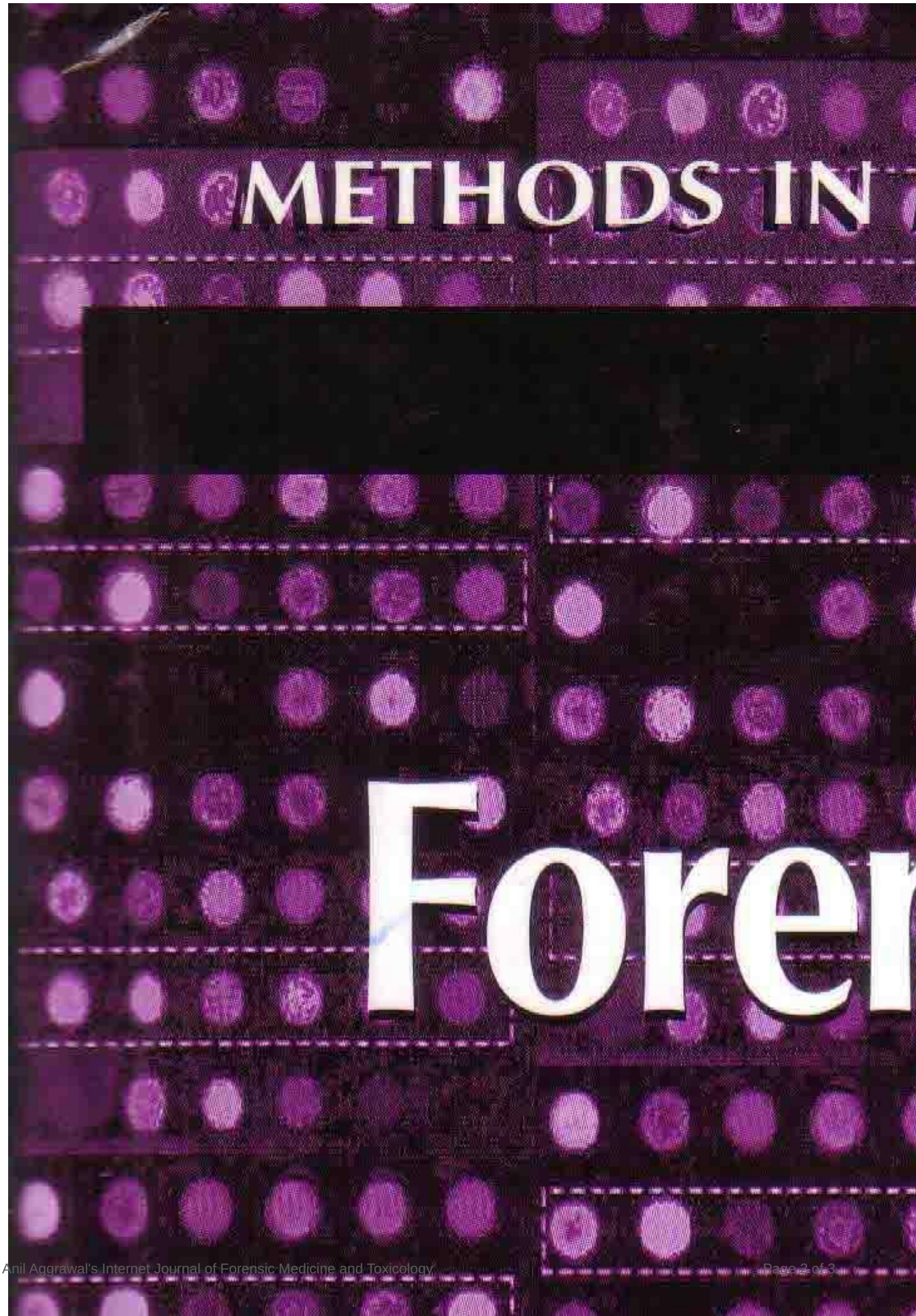
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From Volume 3, Number 1, January - June 2002, we started reviews of certains books of paramount importance as "featured books". The first book to be featured on our journal was Ecotoxicology: The Study of Pollutants in Ecosystems by F. Moriarty (Published by Academic Press). Review of that book, as well as the combined index of reviews of all featured books can be accessed by clicking here. We have so far featured ***thirty one*** *books, CDs and other multimedia (including the current book). The response of the readers has been overwhelming. They seem to have liked this new genre, and they want more reviews in this format. To see all books which have been featured in this journal so far, readers may want to the linked page (featured 001).*

This time we received a very good book Forensic DNA Typing Protocols (1st edition) edited by Angel Carracedo. We sent the book to two different reviewers from different parts of the world. The reviewers were: (i) John M. Butler- USA (North America) and (ii) Niels Morling - Denmark (Europe)

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2: Of little interest
3: Of some interest
4: Slightly below average
5: Average
6: Slightly above average
7: Good
8: Very Good
9: Excellent
10: Truly Outstanding

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