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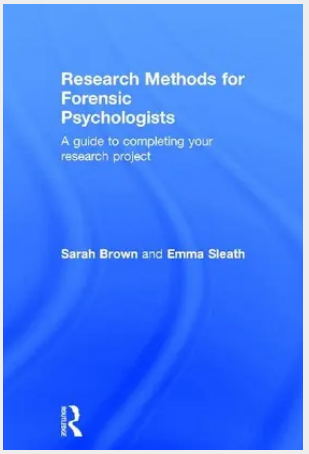
Research Methods for Forensic Psychologists

A guide to completing your research project



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