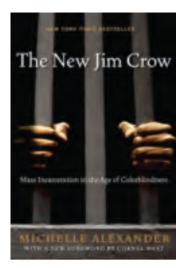
The New Jim Crow: from a 3,000-copy first printing to 9+ months on the *New York Times* Paperback Bestseller list



And the remarkable publishing story continues.

- 250,000 copies in print
- Nine months (and counting) on the *New York Times* Trade Paperback Bestseller list as well as on indie bookseller bestseller lists across the country
- #1 book in criminology, discrimination and racism, and African American studies on Amazon.com
- Upcoming events in Houston; Boston; Philadelphia; Cleveland; Amherst, MA; Athens, GA; Minnetonka; Eugene, OR; Albany; Atlanta; Portland, OR; Seattle; Nashville; Akron; Dayton; Brooklyn, NY; Tulsa; Washington, D.C.; Kansas City; New York; Dallas; Minneapolis; and more (see www .newjimcrow.com for details)
- Selected as a Common Read at dozens of high schools, colleges and universities, and in communities around the country—including Yale Divinity School; the town of Poughkeepsie, NY; Philander Smith College, AR; Essex County College, NJ; the town of Princeton, NJ; and by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Methodist Women's Reading Program
- Basis for the Bringing Down the New Jim Crow radio documentary series
- The book is cited (and Michelle Alexander is interviewed) in the new Eugene Jarecki documentary *The House I Live In*; in Matthew Pillischer's film *Broken on All Sides*; and in *Long Distance Revolutionary*, the award-winning documentary about Mumia Abu-Jamal

Since September, a full-time Outreach Coordinator has been working out of The New Press offices to leverage the publication of **The New Jim Crow** in support of the growing national movement to end the mass incarceration of poor people of color.

Thank you to all of the booksellers, librarians, activists, readers, professors, students, and others who are working to end the New Jim Crow. We look forward to supporting your efforts.



In Praise of Love

FROM ONE OF THE GREATEST LIVING FRENCH PHILOSOPHERS, A SPIRITED AND MOVING DEFENSE OF TWENTY-FIRST-CENTURY LOVE—IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND VALENTINE'S DAY

Finally the cure for the pornographic, utilitarian exchange of favors to which love has been reduced in America. Alain Badiou is our philosopher of love.

-SIMON CRITCHLEY

Alain Badiou believes that love as we know it is under threat. In a world rife with consumerism, online dating promises risk-free romance, and love is all too often seen only as a stepchild of desire and hedonism. Taking to heart Rimbaud's famous line "love needs reinventing," *In Praise of Love* is the celebrated French philosopher's passionate treatise in defense of love.

For Badiou, love is an existential project, a constantly unfolding quest for truth. This quest begins with the chance encounter, an event that forever changes two individuals, challenging them "to see the world from the point of view of two rather than one." This, Badiou believes, is love's most essential transforming power.

Invoking a vibrant cast of thinkers, from Kierkegaard, Plato, and de Beauvoir to Proust, Lacan, and Beckett, Badiou creates a new story of love in the face of twentyfirst-century despair. Moving, zealous, and wise, *In Praise of Love* urges us not to fear love but to see it as an adventure, a magnificent undertaking that compels us to explore others and to move away from an obsession with ourselves.

Born in Rabat, Morocco, in 1937, **Alain Badiou** is a leading French philosopher. He is the author of The Meaning of Sarkozy, Being and Event, Ethics: An Essay on the Understanding of Evil, and The Communist Hypothesis. He lives in Paris. **Nicolas Truong** is a writer, journalist, and regular contributor to the French daily Le Monde. He lives in France. **Peter Bush** is an award-winning literary translator. He lives in Barcelona. [Badiou] leaves the reader with an incisive overview of philosophical thinking on love, from Plato to Kierkegaard to Lacan.

-THE ECONOMIST

A conversational but erudite retort to the antiseptic promises of online dating sites for "safe love" without risk, the romantic notion that love is the ecstatic melding of two into one, and the philosophical skepticism that love is little more than a cover story for sexual lust.

-PAMELA HAAG

Praise for Alain Badiou:

A figure like Plato or Hegel walks here among us!

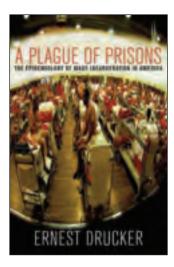
—SLAVOJ ŽIŽEK

An heir to Jean-Paul Sartre and Louis Althusser.

-NEW STATESMAN

Recently Published

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A Plague of Prisons

The Epidemiology of Mass Incarceration in America

ERNEST DRUCKER WITH A NEW AFTERWORD

NOW IN PAPERBACK FROM THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOLAR AND RESEARCHER, A "BREATHTAKING" (*HUFFINGTON POST*) ARGUMENT THAT MASS INCARCERATION HAS ALL THE FEATURES OF AN EPIDEMIC

How did America's addiction to prisons and mass incarceration get its start and how did it spread from state to state? Of the many attempts to answer this question, none make as much sense as the explanation found in [Drucker's] book.

-THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Drucker uses the tools of his trade to examine the laws and their consequences.... Treating drug addiction as a public-health problem rather than a crime to be punished would go a long way towards making America's poor and minority communities stabler and better.

Wonderfully written and packed with insight.

-TODD CLEAR, DEAN OF THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Paperback, 978-1-59558-879-1 E-book, 978-1-59558-605-6 \$18.95 / \$21.95 CAN 5 ½" x 8 ¼", 256 pages Criminal Justice/Law (Hardcover edition: 978-1-59558-497-7) With voluminous data and meticulous analysis, [Drucker] persuasively demonstrates in his provocative new book that the unprecedented surge in incarceration in recent decades is a social catastrophe on the scale of the worst global epidemics. --MICHELLE ALEXANDER, THE WASHINGTON POST

When Dr. John Snow first traced an outbreak of cholera to a water pump in the Soho district of London in 1854, the field of epidemiology was born. Ernest Drucker's *A Plague of Prisons* takes the same concepts and tools of public health that have successfully tracked epidemics of flu, tuberculosis, and AIDS to make the case that our current unprecedented level of imprisonment has become an epidemic. Drucker passionately argues that imprisonment—originally conceived as a response to the crimes of individuals—has become mass incarceration: a destabilizing force, a plague upon our body politic, that undermines families and communities, damaging the very social structures that prevent crime.

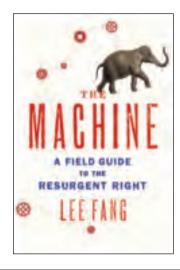
Described as a "towering achievement" (Ira Glasser) and "the clearest and most intelligible case for a reevaluation of how we view incarceration" (*Spectrum Culture*), *A Plague of Prisons* offers a cutting-edge perspective on criminal justice in twenty-first-century America that "could help to shame the U.S. public into demanding remedial action" (*The Lancet*).

Ernest Drucker is a scholar in residence and senior research associate at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. He is a professor emeritus of family and social medicine at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine and an adjunct professor of epidemiology at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. He lives in New York City.

The Machine

A Field Guide to the Resurgent Right

LEE FANG



PAPERBACK ORIGINAL AN EXPOSÉ AND COMPENDIUM OF THE RIGHT-WING FORCES DEPLOYED TO BRING DOWN THE OBAMA PRESIDENCY, FROM THE LAUDED YOUNG RESEARCHER WHO REVEALED THE ROLE OF THE KOCH BROTHERS IN AMERICAN POLITICS

Few people have done more in-depth research, reporting, and writing on the post-Obama conservative movement than Lee Fang. *The Machine* goes beyond the headlines and explores exactly how this ideological movement operates.

-AMANDA TERKEL, SENIOR POLITICAL REPORTER, THE HUFFINGTON POST

Before Barack Obama had even taken the oath of office after his historic victory, cadres of lobbyists, political hacks, oil tycoons, and right-wing politicians met to plan his political demise. The massive conservative infrastructure created by business groups beginning in the 1970s would not be sufficient, they concluded: in the age of Obama, something new—and bold—had to be done.

Written by the blogger who first exposed the Koch brothers in the mainstream media and who first reported on the lobbyists who brought us the Tea Parties, *The Machine* is a withering exposé of the plans to make America conservative again. Informed by years of muckraking research and firsthand reporting, Fang dissects the rise of "patriot" hate groups, explains the dynamics of the conservative message machine, reveals where the money comes from and how it is spent, and explicates how the different gears in the right-wing machine have been cleverly adapted to crush Obama and progressive reform, taking ordinary Americans hostage on the way.

The Machine sheds light on all the dark corners of the resurgent right, laying out its modus operandi in short, accessible chapters. Edgy and irreverent, this is the indispensable handbook for anyone interested in comprehending the conservative machine and the people, the money, and the strategies that make it tick.



Lee Fang is a former blogger for ThinkProgress and a freelance journalist whose work has appeared in national publications including the Boston Globe. He is a regular commentator on MSNBC and NPR, and his work has led to calls for investigations in Congress and the FEC. This is his first book. Fang lives in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. Includes firsthand reporting on and deep analysis of:

- The full story—past and present—of the billionaire Koch brothers' efforts to push America to the right
- The money trail and the personalities behind the Tea Party movement
- How the right tightly coordinates its message among key front groups
- The anatomy of the aggressive right-wing media strategy
- How the right-wing infrastructure interconnects at all levels, from local to national

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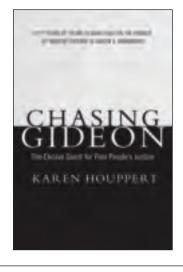
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Chasing Gideon

The Elusive Quest for Poor People's Justice

KAREN HOUPPERT



ON THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF *GIDEON V. WAINWRIGHT*, VETERAN JOURNALIST KAREN HOUPPERT INVESTIGATES THE WAY JUSTICE IS DELIVERED TO THE POOR—AND DISCOVERS A CRISIS IN OUR NATION'S COURTS

There can be no equal justice where the kind of trial a man gets depends on the amount of money he has.

-HUGO BLACK, U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

On March 18, 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled in *Gideon v. Wainwright* that all defendants charged with a crime punishable by imprisonment of more than a year have the constitutional right to free legal counsel if they cannot afford their own. Today, an estimated 80 percent of defendants are served by indigent defense.

In a book that combines the sweep of history with the intimate, telling details of individual legal cases, veteran reporter Karen Houppert chronicles the stories of poor people across the country who have relied on *Gideon*'s promise. Houppert's investigation takes her from Washington State, where overextended public defenders juggle impossible caseloads, and New Orleans, where systemic flaws are so pervasive that the criminal justice apparatus occasionally nears collapse, to Georgia, where an underfunded capital defense program jeopardizes the efficacy of counsel in death penalty cases, and Florida, where revisiting the original *Gideon* lawsuit challenges basic assumptions about the right to legal counsel for the poor. *Chasing Gideon* illuminates reform efforts as well as the critical problems that plague indigent defense in the United States, helping us to understand how and why it is failing, and what can be done to better achieve equal justice for all.

A half-century after Anthony Lewis's award-winning *Gideon's Trumpet* chronicled the story of the court case that changed the American justice system, *Chasing Gideon* picks up where Lewis's book left off.



Karen Houppert is a contributing writer at the Washington Post Magazine. Her work has appeared in The Nation, Newsday, the New York Times, Mother Jones, the Village Voice, Salon, and Slate. She is the author of two other books, including Home Fires Burning: Married to the Military—for Better or Worse. She lives in Baltimore.

Praise for Home Fires Burning:

[A] thoughtful and absorbing study of military wives today.... Gripping.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

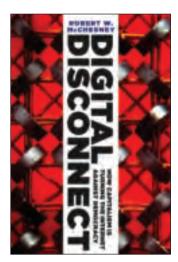
An important book. —NEWSDAY

Full of excellent research and hard reporting. . . . A fine example of popular nonfiction as a spur for reforms. . . . As a wake-up call, it's unparalleled. --THE WASHINGTON POST BOOK WORLD

Closely reported, deeply empathetic. . . . An important story about today's America. --ELLE

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Digital Disconnect

How Capitalism Is Turning the Internet Against Democracy

ROBERT W. McCHESNEY

A PARADIGM-SHIFTING ANALYSIS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INTERNET AND THE ECONOMY FROM THE CELEBRATED SCHOLAR AND AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR

Praise for *Rich Media*, *Poor Democracy*:

If Thomas Paine were around, he would have written this book. If Paul Revere was here, he would spread the word.

-BILL MOYERS

McChesney takes the beast directly by the throat. --MOLLY IVINS

A rich and penetrating study [that] advances considerably his pioneering work....[A] very significant contribution. -NOAM CHOMSKY

Anyone who claims to care about the interaction between media and democracy can't not read McChesney's latest.

-VICTOR NAVASKY

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Robert McChesney is one of the nation's most important analysts of the media.

-HOWARD ZINN

Celebrants and skeptics alike have produced valuable analyses of the Internet's effect on us and our world, oscillating between utopian bliss and dystopian hell. But according to Robert W. McChesney, arguments on both sides fail to address the relationship between economic power and the Internet.

McChesney's award-winning *Rich Media, Poor Democracy* skewered the assumption that a society drenched in commercial information is a democratic one. In *Digital Disconnect*, McChesney returns to this provocative thesis in light of the advances of the digital age. He argues that the sharp decline in the enforcement of antitrust violations, the increase in patents on digital technology and proprietary systems and massive indirect subsidies and other policies have made the Internet a place of numbing commercialism. A handful of monopolies now dominate the political economy, from Google, which garners a 97 percent share of the mobile search market, to Microsoft, whose operating system is used by over 90 percent of the world's computers. Capitalism's colonization of the Internet has spurred the collapse of credible journalism and made the Internet an unparalleled apparatus for government and corporate surveillance and a disturbingly antidemocratic force.

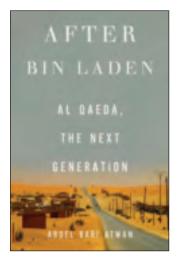
In *Digital Disconnect*, Robert McChesney offers a groundbreaking critique of the Internet, urging us to reclaim the democratizing potential of the digital revolution while we still can.

Robert W. McChesney is the Gutgsell Endowed Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is the author of several books on the media, including the award-winning Rich Media, Poor Democracy and Communication Revolution, and a co-editor (with Victor Pickard) of Will the Last Reporter Please Turn Out the Lights. He lives in Champaign, Illinois.

After Bin Laden

Al Qaeda, the Next Generation

ABDEL BARI ATWAN



A FEARLESS EXAMINATION OF THE TERRORIST NETWORK AFTER THE DEATH OF ITS LONGTIME LEADER BY ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST AL QAEDA EXPERTS

Abdel Bari Atwan has long been one of the sharpest commentators about Al Qaeda and the Middle East.

—PETER BERGEN, AUTHOR OF MANHUNT: THE TEN-YEAR SEARCH FOR OSAMA BIN LADEN, FROM 9/11 TO ABBOTTABAD

Osama bin Laden is dead, but AI Qaeda remains the CIA's "number one threat." Yet since the 9/11 attacks on the United States, the organization has evolved into a much more complex and far-flung entity, even as American military strikes have killed its most identifiable spokesmen and leaders. Moving well beyond the headlines, this richly documented and fascinating new account of AI Qaeda offers readers a completely new understanding of the organization's aims, strategies, and fortunes in a new era of conflict with the United States and the Western powers.

Drawing on firsthand accounts and interviews with uniquely well-placed sources within AI Qaeda, noted journalist and expert Abdel Bari Atwan investigates the movement's new internal dynamics, how it survives financially, and how its political appeal has changed dramatically following the Arab Spring. Atwan profiles the next generation of foot soldiers and leaders and explores both the new methods they embrace—especially on the digital battlefield—as well as the full global range of their operations and local variations in Somalia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Libya, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, and elsewhere.

After Bin Laden is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand the latest chapter in America's long struggle with terrorism.

Born in Gaza, **Abdel Bari Atwan** is the editor in chief at the London-based newspaper Al-Quds al-Arabi and one of the foremost experts on Al Qaeda, who has interviewed Osama bin Laden twice. His books include The Secret History of al-Qa'ida and A Country of Words. He lives in London.

Praise for Abdel Bari Atwan:

As editor in chief of the best Arabic-language daily newspaper, *Al-Quds al-Arabi*, Atwan "got it" from the moment bin Laden appeared on the scene... Atwan's 1996 interview with bin Laden in his Afghanistan redoubt was one of the first and remains one of the best.

--MICHAEL SCHEUER, FORMER CHIEF OF THE CIA'S BIN LADEN ISSUE STATION

[Atwan's work] is required reading for all journalists covering the present Middle East mess and indeed for anybody concerned with the future of the globe.

-THE SPECTATOR

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PRAISE FOR LISA DELPIT AND "MULTIPLICATION IS FOR WHITE PEOPLE"

"[Delpit] focuses urgently on the issue of expectation—and the solutions she proposes feel both simple and radical." —The Boston Globe

"[Delpit] is a keen student of the way that ideas and practices take on new meanings in cultural contexts, including the context of unequal power." —*The Nation*

"All readers can appreciate this thought-provoking book.... The quality of education that Delpit advocates for Black children is a high but necessary bar, one that all children need and deserve." —Harvard Educational Review

"Anyone concerned with the state of American schooling will find Delpit's smooth blending of the personal, the professional, and the political appealing and illuminating." —Publishers Weekly

"At a time when deep thinking about education dilemmas is in short supply, Delpit has produced a volume that forces us to do just that."
—Pedro Noguera, author of *The Trouble with Black Boys* and executive director of the NYU Metropolitan Center for Urban Education

"We must heed her words of wisdom." —Diane Ravitch, author of *The Death and Life of the Great American School System*

"Multiplication Is for White People"

Raising Expectations for Other People's Children

LISA DELPIT

"MULTIPLICATION IS FOR WHITE PEOPLE" RAISING EXPECTATIONS FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN

NOW IN PAPERBACK FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE CLASSIC *OTHER PEOPLE'S CHILDREN*, A NEW BESTSELLING BOOK ON HOW TO CLOSE RACIAL ACHIEVEMENT GAPS IN AMERICA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A passionate book.

-DIANE RAVITCH

Lisa Delpit's *Other People's Children*—which has sold more than a quarter-million copies to date—is a paradigm-shifting, highly acclaimed exploration of the cultural slippage between white teachers and students of color. In her long-awaited and now bestselling second book, "*Multiplication Is for White People*", the award-winning educator reflects on the last fifteen years of reform efforts—including No Child Left Behind, standardized testing, alternative teacher certification paths, and the charter school movement—that have left a generation of poor children of color feeling that higher educational achievement is not for them.

Hailed as "illuminating" (*Publishers Weekly*), "thought-provoking" (*Harvard Educational Review*), and a "much-needed review of the American educational system" (*Kirkus Reviews*), "*Multiplication Is for White People*" is a passionate reminder that there is no achievement gap at birth. Poor teaching, negative stereotypes, and a curriculum that does not adequately connect to poor children's lives conspire against the prospects of poor children of color. From K-12 classrooms through the college years, Delpit brings the topic of educating other people's children into the twenty-first century, outlining a blueprint for raising expectations based on a simple premise: that all aspects of advanced education are for everyone.



MacArthur Award-winning education reformer and scholar **Lisa Delpit** is the author of Other People's Children and the co-editor of The Real Ebonics Debate, Quality Education as a Constitutional Right, and The Skin That We Speak (*The New Press*). She is Felton G. Clark Professor of Education at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where she lives.



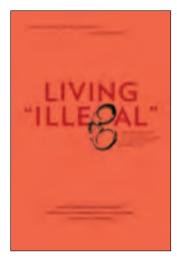
Other People's Children: Cultural Conflict in the Classroom Lisa Delpit Paperback, \$17.95, 978-1-59558-074-0



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Living "Illegal"

The Human Face of Unauthorized Immigration WITH A NEW PREFACE

MARIE FRIEDMANN MARQUARDT. TIMOTHY J. STEIGENGA, PHILIP J. WILLIAMS, AND MANUEL A. VÁSQUEZ

NOW IN PAPERBACK A MYTH-BUSTING ACCOUNT OF THE TRAGEDIES, SUCCESS STORIES, AND AMBIGUITIES OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRATION

Timely ... a thoughtful volume that contains serious and humane suggestions for reform. -CHOICE

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Provides persuasive and compelling answers to all the tough questions we need to address.

-JUDITH ADLER HELLMAN, AUTHOR OF THE WORLD OF MEXICAN MIGRANTS

Immigration reform has a human face.... This study clearly brings this to the fore and should be on the reading list of all interested in the immigration issue.

-ROMAN POPADIUK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GEORGE BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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Compassionate and well-reasoned . . . this book appeals to what Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature." -PUBLISHERS WEEKLY

In June 2012, President Obama's executive order enforcing parts of the Dream Act and the Supreme Court's decision to block components of Arizona's draconian immigration law propelled the immigration debate back into the headlines once again. Based on oral histories, individual testimonies, and years of research into the lives of ordinary migrants, Living "Illegal" offers richly textured "stories that often get lost in the rhetoric" (Gainesville Sun)—of real people working, building families, and enriching their communities in often hostile environments.

Moving far beyond stock images and conventional explanations, *Living "Illegal"* challenges our assumptions about why immigrants come to the United States, where they settle, and how they have adapted to the often confusing patchwork of local immigration ordinances. This revealing narrative takes us into southern churches, onto the streets of major American cities, into the fields of Florida, and back and forth across different national boundaries-from Brazil to Mexico to Guatemala.

A new preface by the authors frames these stories in light of recent policy developments, as well as the 2012 elections and possible shifts ahead. An unmistakably relevant, deeply humane book, Living "Illegal" will continue to stand as an authoritative guide as we address one of the most pressing issues of our time.

Marie Friedmann Marguardt teaches religious studies and sociology at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. Timothy J. Steigenga is a professor of political science at Florida Atlantic University in Jupiter, Florida. Philip J. Williams is the director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida. Manuel A. Vásquez is an associate professor of religion at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida.

The Self Beyond Itself

An Alternative History of Ethics, the New Brain Sciences, and the Myth of Free Will

HEIDI M. RAVVEN

A GROUNDBREAKING BOOK ON HOW NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN NEUROSCIENCE CHALLENGE OUR BASIC ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT MORALITY

Why be ethical? For freedom's sake; for joy, for pleasure, for a sense of living on in the universe of which one is a tiny, local expression; and for an enhanced sense of agency in a dangerous, unpredictable, and ephemeral existence.... Opening oneself to being more broadly acted upon by the world in order to discover oneself within it—surely as a basis for acting more broadly within it—is a paradoxical route to freedom.

-FROM THE SELF BEYOND ITSELF

Few concepts are more unshakable in Western culture than free will, the idea that people are fundamentally free to make good or bad decisions. Scholar Heidi M. Ravven throws a wrench into this conventional view, calling free will a myth that reflects the still-powerful influence of Christian theology on our popular thinking.

The Self Beyond Itself offers a riveting and accessible review of modern neuroscientific research into the brain's capacity for decision-making—from mirror neurons and self-mapping to surprising new understandings of the dynamics of group psychology. Ultimately, this research points to the profound, virtually inescapable social influences on moral choices. Ravven shows that it is possible to build a theory of ethics that doesn't rely on free will yet still holds both individuals and groups responsible for the decisions that help create a good society. Drawing especially on the work of Spinoza, she introduces readers to a rich philosophical tradition that finds uncanny confirmation in modern neuroscience.

Highly readable and wide-ranging, *The Self Beyond Itself* injects the full weight of modern science into our current, stale discourse on right and wrong.



Heidi M. Ravven is a professor of religious studies at Hamilton College. A founding member of the Society for Empirical Ethics, she has published widely in interdisciplinary journals and is the co-editor of Jewish Themes in Spinoza's Philosophy. She lives in Cazenovia, New York.



On Language: Chomsky's Classic Works Language and Responsibility and Reflections on Language Noam Chomsky Paperback, \$21.95, 978-1-56584-475-9

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Race to Incarcerate

A Graphic Retelling

SABRINA JONES AND MARC MAUER WITH A FOREWORD BY MICHELLE ALEXANDER

PAPERBACK ORIGINAL MARC MAUER'S LANDMARK BOOK ON RACE, CLASS, AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM ADAPTED AS A WORK OF INSPIRED GRAPHIC STORYTELLING BY SABRINA JONES

A tremendously disturbing and important book about the devastating increase in our prison population... The questions that it poses call for answers that too few of those in power have been brave enough to give.

-JONATHAN KOZOL ON THE ORIGINAL RACE TO INCARCERATE

The United States' rate of incarceration is the highest in the world. Why and how did this happen? Marc Mauer's *Race to Incarcerate*, first published in 1999, is the essential text for understanding the exponential growth of the U.S. prison system and has become canonical for those active in the U.S. criminal justice reform movement.

Now, Sabrina Jones, a member of the World War 3 Illustrated collective and an acclaimed author of politically engaged comics, has collaborated with Mauer to adapt and update the original book into a vivid graphic narrative designed to reach new audiences. Jones's dramatic artwork adds passion and compassion to the complex story of four decades of prison expansion and its corrosive effect on society and on generations of African Americans. In this highly accessible format, *Race to Incarcerate: A Graphic Retelling* presents a compelling argument that mass incarceration has replaced the kind of civic institutions and economic welfare crucial to creating a just society.

Sabrina Jones is the author of Isadora Duncan: A Graphic Biography and a contributor to World War 3 Illustrated, Wobblies!, The Real Cost of Prisons, Studs Terkel's Working (The New Press), FDR and the New Deal for Beginners, Yiddishkeit, and Radical Jesus. She lives in Brooklyn, New York (www.sabrinaland.com). Marc Mauer is the executive director of The Sentencing Project in Washington, D.C. He is the author of Race to Incarcerate, a semifinalist for the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, and the co-editor, with Meda Chesney-Lind, of Invisible Punishment (both available from The New Press). He lives in the Washington, D.C., area. Michelle Alexander is the author of the New York Times bestseller The New Jim Crow.

Praise for Race to Incarcerate:

Explains why prisoners have become commodities and why present policies are draining black communities of their young men.

An important book. The numbers tell a shocking story.

-THE SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE

Brilliantly addresses some of the most important issues and developments in prison policy in the last twenty-five years.



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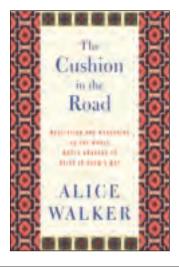


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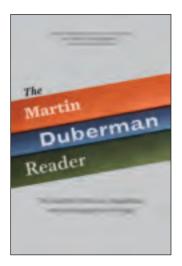
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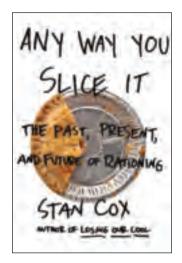


Martin Duberman is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at the CUNY Graduate School, where he founded the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies. The author of more than twenty books, he has received a Bancroft Prize and the American Historical Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. He has also been a finalist for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. He lives in New York City.

Any Way You Slice It

The Past, Present, and Future of Rationing

STAN COX



A COMPELLING EXPLANATION OF A MUCH-MALIGNED CONCEPT IN AN ERA OF ECOLOGICAL CRISES AND GROWING INEQUALITY, FROM THE AUTHOR OF THE HIGHLY ACCLAIMED *LOSING OUR COOL*

Rationing is certainly the third rail of American politics.

-LEONARD J. NELSON III, JOURNAL OF HEALTH & BIOMEDICAL LAW, 2011

Rationing: it's a word—and idea—that people often loathe and fear. Health care expert Henry Aaron has compared mentioning the possibility of rationing to "shouting an obscenity in church." Yet societies in fact ration food, water, medical care, and fuel all the time, with those who can pay the most getting the most. As Nobel Prizewinning economist Amartya Sen has said, the results can be "thoroughly unequal and nasty."

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The author of *Losing Our Cool*, the much debated and widely acclaimed examination of air-conditioning's many impacts, here turns his attention to the politically explosive topic of how we share our planet's resources.



Stan Cox is a plant breeder at the Land Institute in Salina, Kansas. He has written on environmental issues for newspapers nationwide, including the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, and for many online publications. He is the author of Losing Our Cool (The New Press) and Sick Planet.

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America's Deadly Embrace of Counterinsurgency

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Gentile is convinced that Obama's "surge" in Afghanistan can't work.... And, if Afghanistan doesn't turn around soon, the Democrats... who have come to embrace the Petraeus-Nagl view of modern warfare... may find themselves wondering whether it's time to go back to the drawing board. —THE NEW REPUBLIC

Colonel Gian Gentile's 2008 article "Misreading the Surge" in *World Politics Review* first exposed a growing rift among military intellectuals that has since been playing out in strategy sessions at the Pentagon, in classrooms at military academies, and on the pages of the *New York Times*. While the past years of U.S. strategy in Afghanistan have been dominated by the doctrine of counterinsurgency (COIN), Gentile and a small group of dissident officers and defense analysts have questioned the necessity and efficacy of COIN—essentially armed nation-building—in achieving the United States' limited core policy objective in Afghanistan: the destruction of Al Qaeda.

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Colonel Gian Gentile is an army colonel, a former Iraq War commander, and director of the military history program at West Point; he was also a 2010 Visiting Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. Gentile is a contributor to the Washington Post, The Atlantic, Foreign Policy, Small Wars Journal, and the World Politics Review. He lives in West Point, New York. This is his first book.



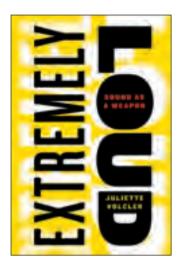
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Rap, metal, and even children's songs become repressive weapons, symbolizing the links between the entertainment industry and the military-industrial complex. This book is a genealogy of sound as a weapon—both when it has succeeded and when it has failed—throughout the twentieth century. —FROM EXTREMELY LOUD

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Juliette Volcler is a producer and journalist for French independent radio, as well as a regular contributor to independent newspapers. She lives in Paris. **Carol Volk** has translated over three dozen books from the French. Her work has appeared in the New Yorker and other literary publications. She has spent the last decade in the U.S. Foreign Service and currently lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The Race Track

Understanding and Challenging Structural Racism

KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW, LUKE CHARLES HARRIS, AND GEORGE LIPSITZ

A USER'S GUIDE TO RACE AND RACISM IN A SOCIETY THAT PROCLAIMS INCLUSION BUT PRACTICES EXCLUSION—FROM THREE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS

Racism is so ingrained in the fabric of American institutions, it is easily self-perpetuating. All that is required to maintain it is business as usual.

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Written by a trio of celebrated scholars, *The Race Track* is a twenty-first-century road map to how race operates in America today. From its covert and psychological dimensions to how race plays a key role in allocating assets to some while denying them to others and a "whiteness protection program" that keeps race-based advantages intact, this landmark new book challenges some of society's most cherished notions— about merit, markets, and choice, and about the causes and consequences of unequal racial outcomes.

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Kimberlé Crenshaw is a professor of law at UCLA and Columbia Law School and a coeditor of Critical Race Theory (*The New Press*). She lives in New York City and Los Angeles. Luke Charles Harris is the co-founder, with Crenshaw, of the African American Policy Forum and co-wrote the award-winning documentary A Question of Color. He is a professor of political science at Vassar College and lives in New York City. **George Lipsitz**, chair of the African American Policy Forum Board of Directors, is a professor of black studies and sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is the author of ten books and lives in Santa Barbara. A user-friendly guide to today's most intractable issue that includes:

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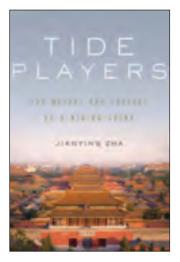
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Zha beautifully combines the hard-earned expertise of an insider with the moral candor of an outsider. In exploring China's defining struggles ... [she] illuminate[s] the shadows in between, with empathy and courage.

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In *Tide Players*, acclaimed author Jianying Zha depicts a new generation of movers and shakers who are transforming today's China. In a half-dozen sharply etched and nuanced profiles, Tide Players captures both the concrete detail and the epic dimension of life in the world's fastest-growing economy.

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Zha's insightful insider-outsider portraits garnered nationwide acclaim, as they offer a picture of a China that few Western readers have seen before.

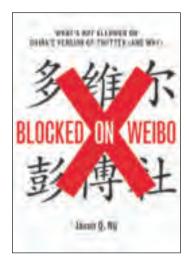


Jianying Zha is a writer, media critic, and China representative of the India China Institute at The New School. She is the author of China Pop and three collections of fiction and two nonfiction books in Chinese, including The Eighties, an award-winning cultural retrospective of the 1980s in China. She has written for many publications, including the New Yorker, the New York Times, Dushu, and Wanxiang. She lives in Beijing and New York.

Blocked on Weibo

What's Not Allowed on China's Version of Twitter (and Why)

JASON Q. NG



PAPERBACK ORIGINAL A CLEVER, THOUGHT-PROVOKING COMPILATION OF ONLINE CONTENT THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT PAST CHINA'S GREAT FIREWALL, DRAWN FROM THE POPULAR BLOG

A treasure of a website, centered on Chinese censorship.

-THOMSON REUTERS, WRITING ABOUT THE BLOCKED ON WEIBO BLOG

What did Chinese authorities do in July 2009 when tensions between the predominately Muslim population of China's Xinjiang province and authorities escalated into violent riots? They turned off the Internet in Xinjiang. This inspired China scholar Jason Q. Ng to devise a computer script to test all 700,000 terms in Chinese Wikipedia to see which ones are routinely censored on Sina Weibo, China's version of Twitter, which currently has over 300 million users.

The result was the groundbreaking and highly praised Blocked on Weibo blog, expanded now in book form. Ranging from fairly obvious words, including "tank" (a reference to the "Tank Man" who stared down the Chinese army in Tiananmen Square) and the names of top government officials (if they can't be mentioned, they can't be criticized), to deeply obscure terms, including "The Four Gentlemen" (though it means a set of four traditional flowers, it can also refer to various quartets of dissidents) and "hairy bacon" (a coded insult for Mao's embalmed body), *Blocked on Weibo* collects many of the phrases that could get a Chinese Internet user invited to the local police station "for a cup of tea"—a euphemism for being illegally detained by the authorities.

An invaluable guide to sensitive topics in modern-day China, *Blocked on Weibo* exposes the fissures between the idealized society that Chinese authorities dream of having and the actual one that Chinese netizens are creating each day.



Jason Q. Ng is a research consultant for China Digital Times and a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh. His work has been featured in Le Monde, the Huffington Post, the Next Web, Asia Pacific Forum, and Voice of America. He writes regularly on China for Waging Nonviolence. He lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Praise for the Blocked on Weibo blog:

Blocked on Weibo is interesting for those with any knowledge of China and its Internet space, right from beginners to old hands.

-JON RUSSELL, THE NEXT WEB

Censorship nerds: check out Blocked on Weibo, an amazingly useful blog on what's blocked in China and why.

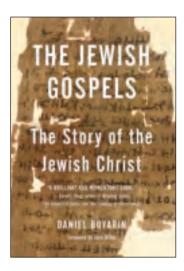
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In July 2008 a front-page story in the *New York Times* reported on the discovery of an ancient Hebrew tablet, dating from before the birth of Jesus that predicted a Messiah who would rise from the dead after three days. Commenting on this startling discovery at the time, noted Talmud scholar Daniel Boyarin argued that "some Christians will find it shocking—a challenge to the uniqueness of their theology."

In this groundbreaking work, Boyarin guides us through a rich tapestry of new discoveries and ancient scriptures to make the powerful case that our conventional understandings of Jesus and of the origins of Christianity are wrong. Boyarin's scrupulously illustrated account argues that the coming of the Messiah was fully imagined in the ancient Jewish texts. Jesus, moreover, was embraced by many Jews as this person, and his core teachings were not at all a break from Jewish beliefs and teachings. Jesus and his followers, Boyarin shows, were simply Jewish. What came to be known as Christianity came much later, as religious and political leaders sought to impose a new religious orthodoxy that was not present at the time of Jesus's life.

Published in hardcover to nationwide attention and now in paperback, this brilliant work will continue to challenge some of our most cherished assumptions.

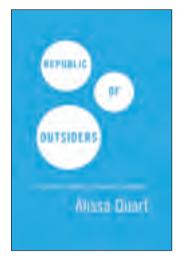


Daniel Boyarin, Taubman Professor of Talmudic Culture and rhetoric at the University of California, Berkeley, is the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships. His books include A Radical Jew, Border Lines, and Socrates and the Fat Rabbis. He lives in Berkeley, California. **Jack Miles** is Distinguished Professor of English and Religious Studies at the University of California, Irvine, and the author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning God: A Biography.

Republic of Outsiders

The Power of Amateurs, Dreamers, and Rebels

ALISSA QUART



FROM THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF *BRANDED* AND *HOTHOUSE KIDS*, A CRITICAL EXPLORATION OF THE NEW WAYS OUTSIDERS ARE RESHAPING THE MAINSTREAM

The failure of established institutions, from the government's handling of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 to Wall Street's role in the financial collapse of 2008, has not only motivated the outsiders to take matters into their own hands, but has also, not coincidentally, become the renegades' target. —FROM REPUBLIC OF OUTSIDERS

Republic of Outsiders is about the growing number of Americans who disrupt the status quo: outsiders who seek to redefine a wide variety of fields, from film and mental health to diplomacy and music, from how we see gender to what we eat. They include professional and amateur filmmakers crowd-sourcing their work, transgender and autistic activists, and Occupy Wall Street's "alternative bankers." These people create and package new identities in a practice cultural critic Alissa Quart dubs "identity innovation": they push the boundaries of who they can be and what they can do, even turning the forces of co-optation to their benefit.

In a brilliant and far-reaching account, Quart introduces us to individuals who have created new structures to keep themselves sane, fulfilled, and, on occasion, paid. This deeply reported book shows how and why these groups now gather, organize, and create new communities and economies. Without a middleman, freed of established media, and highly mobile, unusual ideas and cultures are able to spread more quickly and find audiences and allies. *Republic of Outsiders* is a critical examination of those for whom being rebellious, marginal, or amateur is a source of strength rather than weakness.



Alissa Quart is the author of Branded and Hothouse Kids. She has written for the New York Times, The Atlantic, and many other publications, and writes a column for Columbia Journalism Review. She is an editor-at-large for The Atavist and an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Journalism School. She lives in New York.

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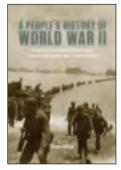
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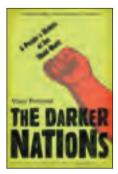
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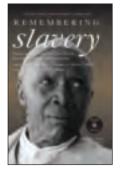
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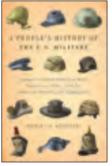
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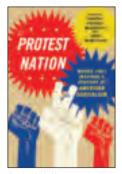
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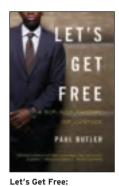


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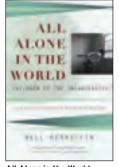
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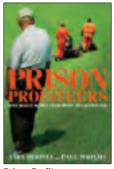
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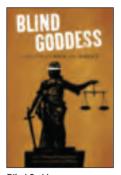
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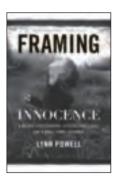
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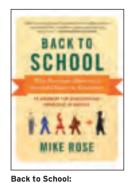


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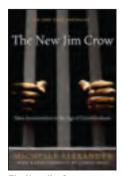


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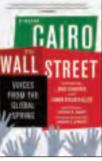
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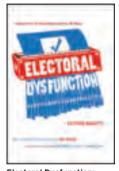
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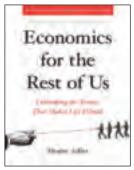
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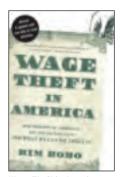


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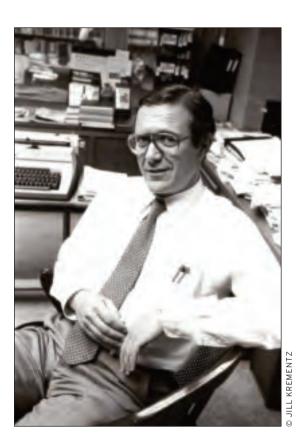
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