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Noliwe Rooks is the director of American studies at Cornell University and was for ten years the associate director of African American studies at Princeton University. She is the author of White Money/Black Power and Hair Raising. She lives in Ithaca, New York.
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After nearly a decade overseas as a war reporter, the acclaimed journalist Dahr Jamail returned to America to renew his passion for mountaineering, only to find that the slopes he had once climbed have been irrevocably changed by climate disruption. In response, Jamail embarks on a journey to the geographical front lines of this crisis—from Alaska to Australia’s Great Barrier Reef, via the Amazon rainforest—in order to discover the consequences to nature and to humans of the loss of ice.

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The End of Ice offers an essential firsthand chronicle of the catastrophic reality of our situation and the incalculable necessity of relishing this vulnerable, fragile planet while we still can.

Dahr Jamail, a Truthout staff reporter, is the author of Beyond the Green Zone: Dispatches from an Unembedded Journalist in Occupied Iraq. He has won the Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism and the Izzy Award. He lives in Washington State.
Going Home
A Walk Through Fifty Years of Occupation
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In a dazzling mix of reportage, analysis, and memoir, the leading Palestinian writer of our time reflects on aging, failure, the occupation, and the changing face of Ramallah.

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In Going Home, Raja Shehadeh, the Orwell Prize–winning author of Palestinian Walks, takes us on a series of journeys around his hometown of Ramallah. Set in a single day—the day that happens to be the fiftieth anniversary of Israel’s occupation of the West Bank—the book is a powerful and moving record and chronicle of the changing face of his city.

Here is a city whose green spaces—gardens and hills crowned with olive trees—have been replaced by lower blocks and concrete lots; where the Israeli occupation has further entrenched itself in every aspect of movement, from the roads that can and cannot be used to the bureaucratic barriers that prevent people leaving the West Bank. Here also is a city that is culturally shifting, where Islam is taking a more prominent role in people’s everyday and political lives and in the geography of the city.

A penetrating evocation of memory, pain, and place that is lightened by everyday joys such as delightful accounts of shared meals and gardening, Going Home is perhaps Raja Shehadeh’s most moving and painfully visceral addition to his series of personal histories of the occupation, confirming Rachel Kushner’s judgment that “Shehadeh is a buoy in a sea of bleakness.”

Considered Palestine’s leading writer, Raja Shehadeh is a writer, a lawyer, and the founder of the pioneering Palestinian human rights organization Al-Haq. He is the author of several books including the 2008 Orwell Prize-winning Palestinian Walks and Where the Line Is Drawn (The New Press). He has written for the New York Times, the New Yorker, Granta, and other publications. He lives in Ramallah, Palestine.

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—BEVERLY DANIEL TATUM, AUTHOR OF WHY ARE ALL THE BLACK KIDS SITTING TOGETHER IN THE CAFETERIA?

This “well-told and inspiring” story (Publishers Weekly, starred review) is the monumental product of Lillian Smith Book Award–winning author Vanessa Siddle Walker’s two-decade investigation into the clandestine travels and meetings—with other educators, Dr. King, Georgia politicians, and even U.S. presidents—of one Dr. Horace Tate, a former Georgia school teacher, principal, and state senator. In a sweeping work “that reads like a companion piece to Hidden Figures” (Atlanta Journal-Constitution), post-Brown generations will encounter invaluable lessons for today from the educators behind countless historical battles—in courtrooms, schools, and communities—for the quality education of black children.

For two years, an aging Tate told Walker fascinating stories about a lifetime advocating for racial justice in schools. On his deathbed, he asked her to return to his office in Atlanta, where upon his passing she discovered an attic filled with a massive archive documenting the underground actors and covert strategies behind the most significant era of the fight for educational justice. Until now, the courageous tale of how black Americans in the South won so much and subsequently fell so far has been incomplete. The Lost Education of Horace Tate is “a powerful reminder of the link between educators and the struggle for equality and justice in American history” (Wall Street Journal).

Vanessa Siddle Walker, a professor at Emory University, has studied the segregated schooling of African American children for more than twenty years. She is the president of the American Educational Research Association, a member of the National Academy of Education, a former Spencer fellow, and a recipient of the prestigious Grawemeyer Award in education. She lives near Atlanta.
Seeding a Common Future
How to Save Our Only Home from the One Percent

VANDANA SHIVA WITH KARTIKEY SHIVA

AN URGENT CALL TO FIGHT AGAINST THE DAMAGE TO OUR PLANET CAUSED BY THE SUPER RICH, FROM THE INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

All of us who care about the future of Planet Earth must be grateful to Vandana Shiva. Her voice is powerful and she is not afraid to tackle those corporate giants that are polluting, degrading, and ultimately destroying the natural world.

—JANE GOODALL

In *Seeding a Common Future*, celebrated environmental and anti-globalization activist Vandana Shiva takes on the Billionaires Club of Gates and others, whose blindness to the destructive impact of their ideas of progress has wrought great harm across the world. Even as poverty and malnutrition, a refugee crisis, and social unrest have become our lived reality, the wealthiest one percent have pushed the planet to the social and ecological brink. In *Seeding a Common Future*, Shiva exposes the one percent’s model of philanthrocapitalism—deploying unaccountable money to bypass democratic structures, derail diversity, and impose totalitarian ideas.

“One of the world’s most prominent radical scientists" (*The Guardian*), a “rock star” (Bill Moyers) in the anti-GMO movement, and “a burst of creative energy, an intellectual” (*The Progressive*), Vandana Shiva is a crusader for farmers’, low-wage workers’, and women’s rights. The winner of numerous major international awards and named by *Time, The Guardian, Forbes*, and *Asia Week* as one of the world’s most important activists, she has exposed the destructive effects of the corporate monopolization of agriculture, fought to defend biodiversity and food democracy, and revealed the links between ecology, gender, and poverty. *Seeding a Common Future* is her powerful manifesto.

**Vandana Shiva** is a leader in the International Forum on Globalization and of the slow food movement. The director of Navdanya and of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology, she is the author and editor of a number of books, including *Making Peace with the Earth; Soil Not Oil; Seed Sovereignty, Food Security; and Who Really Feeds the World?* Co-author **Kartikey Shiva** is a photographer and computer scientist. They are based in Delhi.

Vandana Shiva’s awards include:
- The Medal of the Presidency of the Italian Republic
- The Horizon 3000 Award
- The John Lennon-Yoko Ono Grant for Peace
- The Sydney Peace Prize
- The Calgary Peace Prize
- The Thomas Merton Award
- Fukuoka Grand Prize Laureate

Her great virtue as an advocate is that she is not a reductionist. Her awareness of the complex connections among economy and nature and culture preserves her from oversimplification. So does her understanding of the importance of diversity.

—WENDELL BERRY

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Don’t Let Me Lose This Dream
How an Upstart Urban University Rewrote the Rules of a Broken System

ANDREW GUMBEL

THE EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF HOW GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY TORE UP THE RULEBOOK FOR EDUCATING LOWER-INCOME STUDENTS

Georgia State has become a celebrity of sorts as universities desperately look for the secret sauce to improve college completion rates.
—POLITICO

When it comes to predictive analytics, Georgia State University is arguably the leader of the pack.
—THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Our goal is to show higher education how to create a future where you can thrive as a research university and educate the full spectrum of America.
—GSU PRESIDENT MARK BECKER

Georgia State . . . has been reimagined—amid a moral awakening and a raft of data-driven experimentation—as one of the South’s more innovative engines of social mobility.
—THE NEW YORK TIMES

Once just another unglamorous urban university, Georgia State University has become a place of miracles and wonders in the heart of Atlanta, the city that spawned the civil rights movement. GSU is a living experiment in the education of lower-income students and a crucible in which the promise of social advancement through talent and hard work, the essence of the American Dream, is being rekindled in an age of deep inequality and political crisis.

More than any other institution in the country, Georgia State has overturned the assumption that poorer students are doomed to fail. Don’t Let Me Lose This Dream describes how the architects of Georgia State’s success harnessed the power of evolving data technologies, a “moneyball” strategy that helped them recognize and remove the obstacles that have held poor students back. Veteran journalist Andrew Gumbel uncovers the human stories behind these innovations, tracing real students as they realize lifelong dreams of graduating from college.

Today, a Georgia State freshman who arrives homeless and hungry is no less likely to succeed than the daughter of a billionaire. African American, Hispanic, and low-income students now graduate from GSU at rates equal to or higher than those of other students. In fact, GSU has raised its graduation rate to 55 percent in 2018 from 32 percent in 2003 and, since 2014, has awarded more bachelor’s degrees to African Americans than any other nonprofit college or university in the country. More than just a story about higher education, Don’t Let Me Lose This Dream is a tale that points the way to wholesale societal transformation.

Andrew Gumbel is a regular contributor to The Guardian. He is the author of Down for the Count (The New Press) and Oklahoma City. He lives in Santa Monica, California.
Murder in the Garment District
The Grip of Organized Crime and the Decline of Labor in the United States

DAVID WITWER AND CATHERINE RIOS

The thrilling and true account of racketeering and union corruption in mid-century New York, when unions and the mob were locked in a power struggle that reverberates to this day

The murder had taken place “in one of the most congested areas of the city,” the district attorney noted. And yet, he told the press, “Not a single witness came forward.”

—FROM MURDER IN THE GARMENT DISTRICT

In 1949, in New York City’s crowded Garment District, a union organizer named William Lurye was stabbed to death by a mob assassin. Through the lens of this murder case, prize-winning authors David Witwer and Catherine Rios explore American labor history at its critical turning point, drawing on FBI case files and the private papers of investigative journalists who first broke the story. A narrative that originates in the garment industry of mid-century New York, which produced over 80 percent of the nation’s dresses at the time, Murder in the Garment District quickly moves to a national stage, where congressional anti-corruption hearings gripped the nation and forever tainted the reputation of American unions.

Replete with elements of a true-crime thriller, Murder in the Garment District includes a riveting cast of characters, from wheeling and dealing union president David Dubinsky to the notorious gangster Abe Chait and the crusading Robert F. Kennedy, whose public duel with Jimmy Hoffa became front-page news.

Deeply researched and grounded in the street-level events that put people’s lives and livelihoods at stake, Murder in the Garment District is destined to become a classic work of history—one that also explains the current troubled state of unions in America.

David Witwer is a professor of history and American studies at Penn State Harrisburg, and the author of Corruption and Reform in the Teamsters Union and Shadow of the Racketeer. Witwer also worked in the Labor Racketeering Bureau of the New York County District Attorney’s Office and served as a staff researcher at the New York State Organized Crime Task Force. Catherine Rios is an award-winning filmmaker and writer and an associate professor of humanities and communications at Penn State Harrisburg.

Praise for David Witwer’s previous work:

Shadow of the Racketeer:
Winner of Labor History’s Best Book Prize for 2009
A masterful study of a subject that few historians have looked at closely—the role of corruption and mafia influence on the U.S. labor movement, and the significance of union corruption for U.S. history.

—LABOR HISTORY

Corruption and Reform in the Teamsters Union:
A Choice Magazine Outstanding Academic Book
The definitive study of its subject, [and] one of the best volumes on any aspect of U.S. labor history to appear in recent years.

—INDUSTRIAL AND LABOR RELATIONS REVIEW

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A must-read for union organizers, advocates, policy makers and legislators—and all of us.
—SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

A timely, intensely intimate, and relevant exposé.
—KIRKUS REVIEWS (STARRED REVIEW)

Apple orchards in bucolic Washington State. Office parks in Southern California under cover of night. The home of an elderly man in Miami. These are some of the workplaces where female workers have suffered brutal sexual assault and shocking harassment at the hands of their employers, often with little or no official recourse. In this harrowing yet often inspiring tale, investigative journalist Bernice Yeung exposes the epidemic of sexual violence levied against women farmworkers, domestic workers, and janitorial workers and charts their quest for justice in the workplace.

Yeung takes readers on a journey across the country, introducing us to women who came to America to escape grinding poverty only to encounter sexual violence in the United States. The author mitigates the difficult material by bringing humanity, empathy, and hope to each page. In a Day’s Work exposes the underbelly of economies filled with employers who take advantage of immigrant women’s need to earn a basic living. When these women find the courage to speak up, Yeung reveals, they are too often met by apathetic bosses and underresourced government agencies. But In a Day’s Work also tells a story of resistance, introducing a group of courageous allies who challenge dangerous and discriminatory workplace conditions alongside aggrieved workers—and win. Moving and inspiring, this book will change our understanding of the lives of immigrant women.

Bernice Yeung is an investigative journalist at ProPublica, and her work has appeared in the New York Times, PBS Frontline, New York magazine, and others. She lives in Berkeley, California.
The Merit Myth
How Our Colleges Favor the Rich and Divide America

ANTHONY P. CARNEVALE, PETER SCHMIDT, AND JEFF STROHL

AN EYE-OPENING AND TIMELY LOOK AT HOW COLLEGES DRIVE THE VERY INEQUALITIES THEY ARE MEANT TO REMEDY, COMPLETE WITH A CALL—AND A VISION—FOR CHANGE

The system is worse than broken. It’s fixed.
—ANTHONY P. CARNEVALE, WASHINGTON POST OP-ED ON THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS SCANDAL

Colleges fiercely defend America’s higher education system, arguing that it rewards bright kids who have worked hard. But it doesn’t actually work this way. As the recent bribery scandal demonstrates, social inequalities and colleges’ pursuit of wealth and prestige stack the deck in favor of the children of privilege. For education scholar and critic Anthony P. Carnevale, it’s clear that colleges are not the places of aspiration and equal opportunity they should (and claim) to be.

The Merit Myth delves deeply into the rampant dysfunction of higher education today and critiques a system that pays lip service to social mobility and meritocracy, while offering little of either. Through policies that exacerbate inequality, including generously funding so-called merit-based aid rather than expanding opportunity for those who need it most, U.S. universities—the presumed pathway to a better financial future—are woefully (and in some cases criminally) complicit in reproducing racial and class privilege across generations.

This timely and incisive book argues for unrigging the game by dramatically reducing the weight of the SAT/ACT; measuring colleges by their outcomes, not their inputs; designing affirmative action plans that honor the relationship between race and class; and making 14 the new 12—guaranteeing every American a public K-14 education. The Merit Myth shows the way to higher education becoming the beacon of opportunity it was intended to be.

Anthony P. Carnevale, a chairman under President Clinton of the National Commission on Employment Policy, is the director of the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce (CEW). Peter Schmidt, the author of Color and Money, is an award-winning reporter and editor who has worked for Education Week and the Chronicle of Higher Education. Jeff Strohl is CEW’s director of research. All three live in Washington, DC.

• Admission rates for donors’ children and other applicants on special “interest lists” was 42 percent—far more than the single-digit admit rate for those without prior ties to a university.

• Black and Hispanic students are actually less represented at America’s top colleges now than they were thirty-five years ago.
**Tipped**
The Service Industry’s Exploitation of Immigrant Workers

**SARU JAYARAMAN and TEÓFILO REYES**

A POWERFUL EXPOSÉ OF HOW THE TIPPING SYSTEM HAS BEEN USED TO EXPLOIT IMMIGRANT WORKERS, FROM THE NATIONALLY RENOWNED ACTIVIST AND ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF *BEHIND THE KITCHEN DOOR*

Praise for Saru Jayaraman’s books:

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*Paints a grim picture of the food business today . . . [and] makes the case that restaurants can survive and even prosper while paying workers well and offering them generous benefits.*

—THE NEW YORK TIMES

**Behind the Kitchen Door:**

*Well researched. Jayaraman investigates the employment practices of a wide range of restaurants, from fine dining establishments to fast-food chains.*

—THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

**A Must-Read for Anyone Who Eats at Restaurants.**

—YES!

No one has done more to move forward the rights of food and restaurant workers than Saru Jayaraman.

—MARK BITTMAN, AUTHOR OF *MARK BITTMAN’S KITCHEN MATRIX* AND *A BONE TO PICK*

Six million workers in America are tipped workers, relying on a subminimum wage and the whims of customers to feed themselves and their families. Over a million of them are immigrants, and the unpredictability of tips combined with the unpredictability of life as an immigrant creates an unstable, uncertain future.

The restaurant industry has led the way in exploiting tipped workers, its incredible growth over the past few decades failing to translate to greater prosperity for most of the people it employs—many of them vulnerable immigrants. Other industries have gotten in on the act too, including nail salons and car washes. And as the service sector moves online, tech companies, such as DoorDash, Uber, and Lyft are capitalizing on the tipping loophole to avoid paying workers a minimum wage. All of these industries are profiting off immigration policy that allows employers to keep the immigrant workers they so desperately need, while discouraging the workers from speaking up.

Acclaimed author and restaurant activist Saru Jayaraman and social scientist Dr. Teófilo Reyes draw on hundreds of interviews to show how the subminimum wage and our broken immigration system combine to exploit millions of Americans. **Tipped** points to a new future in which immigrants are welcome and the service sector can prosper with, not off of, its immigrant workforce.

**Saru Jayaraman** is the co-founder of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC-United), director of the Food Labor Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley, and the author of *Behind the Kitchen Door* and *Forked: A New Standard for American Dining*. **Teófilo Reyes** is the research director for both ROC-United and the Food Labor Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley. They are both based in the Bay Area.
The lead up to the First World War saw a particular brand of nationalism that has a stark overlap with the populist nationalisms we see on the rise in Europe today . . . that kind of nationalism never dies.
—INTERVIEW WITH AUTHOR, THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Since Trump’s victory and the UK’s Brexit vote, much of the commentary on the populist epidemic has focused on the emergence of populism. But, Lawrence Rosenthal argues, what is happening globally is not the emergence but the transformation of right-wing populism.

Rosenthal, the founder of UC Berkeley’s Center for Right-Wing Studies, suggests right-wing populism is a protean force whose prime mover is the resentment felt toward perceived elites, and whose abiding feature is its ideological flexibility, which now takes the form of xenophobic nationalism. In 2016, American right-wing populists migrated from the free marketeering Tea Party to Donald Trump’s “hard hat,” anti-immigrant, American-First nationalism. This was the most important single factor in Trump’s electoral victory. In Italy, for example, the Northern League reinvented itself in 2018 as an all-Italy party, switching its fury from southerners to immigrants, and came to power.

Rosenthal paints a vivid sociological, political, and psychological picture of the transnational quality of this movement, which is now in power in at least a dozen countries, creating a de facto Nationalist International. The future of democratic politics in the United States and abroad depends on whether right-wing populists stay with this nationalist ideology and whether the liberal and left parties have the political capacity to effect a progressive populism of their own.

You know, they have a word. It sort of became old-fashioned. It’s called a nationalist. And I say, “Really? We’re not supposed to use that word.” You know what I am? I’m a nationalist. OK? I’m a nationalist. Nationalist. Use that word. Use that word.
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Dr. Lawrence Rosenthal is chair and lead researcher of the Berkeley Center for Right-Wing Studies. He has taught at the University of California, Berkeley, in the sociology and Italian studies departments and was a Fulbright Professor at the University of Naples in Italy. He lives in Berkeley.
• Google and Facebook control 99 percent of all new dollars spent on digital advertising

• The six biggest banks control 62 percent of U.S. assets

• Amazon accounts for nearly half of all online sales, and during the 2018 holiday season that number rose to 81 percent

• Three companies ship 85 percent of all prescription drugs to pharmacies and hospitals

• Four airlines control 80 percent of the world’s airplane routes

• 1,300 communities across America have completely lost local print newspaper coverage

• The meat industry is more concentrated now than it was at the time of Upton Sinclair’s muckraking classic The Jungle

• 68 million U.S. households have only one option for an Internet service provider to their home—either Comcast or Charter
Monopolized
Life in the Age of Corporate Power

DAVID DAYEN

FROM THE CARS WE DRIVE TO WHAT TOOTHPASTE WE USE, HOW A TINY GROUP OF CORPORATIONS HAVE COME TO DOMINATE EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES—BY ONE OF OUR MOST INTREPID AND ACCOMPLISHED JOURNALISTS

If you’re looking for a book . . . that will get your heart pumping and your blood boiling and that will remind you why we’re in these fights—add this one to your list.
—SENATOR ELIZABETH WARREN ON DAVID DAYEN’S CHAIN OF TITLE

Over the last forty years our choices have narrowed, our opportunities have shrunk, and our lives have become governed by a handful of very large and very powerful corporations. Today, practically everything we buy, everywhere we shop, and every service we secure comes from a heavily concentrated market.

This is a world where six major banks control most of our money, four airlines shuttle most of us around the country, and four major cell phone providers connect most of our communications. If you are sick you can go to one of three main pharmacies to fill your prescription, and if you end up in a hospital almost every accessory to heal you comes from one of a handful of large medical suppliers.

Dayen, the editor of the American Prospect and author of the acclaimed Chain of Title, provides a riveting account of what it means to live in this new age of monopoly and how we might resist this corporate hegemony.

Through vignettes and vivid case studies Dayen shows how these monopolies have transformed us, inverted us, and truly changed our lives, at the same time providing readers with the raw material to make monopoly a consequential issue in American life and revive a long-dormant antitrust movement.

Praise for David Dayen’s Chain of Title:

Named a Best Book of the Year by Kirkus Reviews and The Week
Gripping. . . . Prepare to be surprised, and angry . . . the homeowners’ stories are emotional roller coasters. Dayen skillfully narrates a slow reveal and sprinkles in some lively metaphors.
—THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

An inspiring, well-rendered, deeply reported, and often infuriating account.
—KIRKUS REVIEWS (STARRIED REVIEW)

Hitchcockian. . . . Meticulously researched, enthralling, and educational, this addition to the literature of the Great Recession calls out for its own big-screen adaptation.
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David Dayen is the author of Chain of Title, winner of the Studs and Ida Terkel Prize for a first book in the public interest. He writes regularly for The Intercept and The Nation and has just been appointed the editor of the American Prospect. He lives in Venice, California.
LGBTQ Life Around the World

A GROUNDBREAKING PHOTOBOK SERIES FROM THE NEW PRESS
My advice to the younger generation is to live your life with as much passion and as much indulgence as you possibly can. Do not do anything to anyone that you would not have done to yourself. Just live life as a wonderful, wonderful experience.

—EVELYN WHITAKER, from Lived Experience

Even with the extraordinary strides the LGBTQ movement has made in civil rights, acceptance, and visibility over the past half century, a growing portion of the community remains largely invisible, its concerns relegated to the margins.

In the latest in a groundbreaking series of beautiful photobooks on LGBTQ communities around the world—from Russia to Mexico to Japan—French-Senegalese photographer Delphine Diallo centers on the voices and lives of older LGBTQ people in the United States, a generation that has been ravaged by the AIDS epidemic but has also been instrumental in extraordinary progress in LGBTQ rights and visibility in this country.

The series of fifty full-color portraits of LGBTQ people from across the nation—interviewed on the fiftieth anniversary of the Stonewall riots that led to the modern LGBTQ rights movement—offers this wise and resilient cohort a chance to share their stories and reflections. With a special focus on people of color, Lived Experience is a celebration of an underserved, neglected part of the LGBTQ world in America and an inspiration to future generations.

**Delphine Diallo** is a Brooklyn-based French and Senegalese visual artist and photographer. She graduated from the Académie Charpentier School of Visual Art in Paris in 1999 before working in the music industry for seven years as a special effect motion artist, video editor, and graphic designer. In 2008 she moved to New York after giving up a corporate art director role in Paris.
FAMILIES BELONG
Use the Power You Have
A Brown Woman’s Guide to Politics and Political Change

PRAMILA JAYAPAL

WASHINGTON’S RISING STAR EXPLAINS HOW WE CAN ACHIEVE A TRULY PROGRESSIVE AND INCLUSIVE AMERICA THAT WORKS FOR ALL OF US

Pramila Jayapal came to Congress in 2016 as a progressive outsider, but she’s quickly adapted to become the activist insider—negotiating with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi with the goal of turning progressive ideas into real policy.

—VOX MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

In November 2016, Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, the first Indian American woman to serve in that role. Two years later, the “fast-rising Democratic star and determined critic of President Donald Trump,” according to Politico’s Playbook 2017 “Power List,” won reelection with more votes than any other member of the House. Jayapal, co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, proved her progressive bonafides when she introduced the most comprehensive Medicare-for-all bill to Congress in February.

Behind the story of Jayapal’s rise to political prominence lie over two decades of devoted advocacy on behalf of immigrants and progressive causes—and years of learning how to turn activism into public policy that serves all Americans. Use the Power You Have is Jayapal’s account of the path from sixteen-year-old Indian immigrant to grassroots activist, state senator, and now progressive powerhouse in Washington, DC.

Written with passion and insight, Use the Power You Have offers a wealth of ideas and inspiration for a new generation of engaged citizens interested in fighting back and making change, whether in Washington or in their own communities.

Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal represents Washington’s 7th District, which encompasses most of Seattle and surrounding areas. The first Indian American woman in the House of Representatives, Jayapal has spent the last twenty years working internationally and domestically as an advocate for women’s, immigrant, civil, and human rights. She lives in Issaquah, Washington.

She’s one of these incredible mentors that, at the forefront, is always about serving your district and doing it in a very authentic way.

—REP. RASHIDA TLAIB

The congresswoman is a lifelong organizer—and now she’s one of the key players in Congress.

—THE NATION

The Democratic Party is quickly coalescing around an ambitious Medicare-for-all platform—and Rep. Pramila Jayapal is shaping up to be a major voice in that debate.

—THE EZRA KLEIN SHOW

The Democrats’ fastest-rising star is a woman unafraid of her own power.

—QZ.COM

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Solutions from Our Experiences in the Justice System

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A THOUGHTFUL AND SURPRISING CORNUCOPIA OF IDEAS FOR IMPROVING AMERICA’S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, FROM THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY IT

Contributors include people incarcerated at:

- Arrendale State Prison, Georgia
- Century Correctional Institution, Florida
- Indiana State Prison
- Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women
- Maine Correctional Center
- Massachusetts Treatment Center
- North Branch Correctional Institution, Maryland
- Rosharon, Texas
- Snake River Correctional Institution, Oregon
- Thumb Correctional Facility, Michigan
- Washington State Penitentiary

This is what we know, and we know it better than anyone else.
—FROM THE INTRODUCTION BY VIVIAN NIXON AND DARYL ATKINSON

When The New Press, the Center for American Progress, and the Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted Peoples and Family Movement issued a call for innovative reform ideas, over three hundred currently and formerly incarcerated individuals responded. What We Know collects two dozen of their best suggestions, each of which proposes a policy solution derived from their own lived experience.

Ideas run the gamut: A man serving time in Florida argues for a Prison Labor Standards Act, calling for us to reject prison slavery. A Nebraska man who served a federal prison term for white-collar crimes suggests offering courses in entrepreneurship as a way to break down barriers to employment for people returning from incarceration. A woman serving a life sentence in Georgia spells out a system of earned privileges that could increase safety and decrease stress inside prison. And a man serving a twenty-five-year term for a crime he committed at age fifteen advocates powerfully for eliminating existing financial incentives to charge youths as adults.

With contributors including nationally known formerly incarcerated leaders in justice reform, twenty-four justice-involved individuals add a perspective that is too often left out of national reform conversations.

The Reverend Vivian Nixon is executive director of College and Community Fellowship (CCF), a New York-based organization committed to removing barriers to higher education for women with criminal-record histories and their families. Attorney Daryl Atkinson was the inaugural Second Chance Fellow for the U.S. Department of Justice, and is now the co-director of Forward Justice, a law, policy, and strategy center in Durham, North Carolina, dedicated to advancing racial, social, and economic justice in the United States.
Prison by Any Other Name
The Harmful Consequences of Popular Reforms

MAYA SCHENWAR AND VICTORIA LAW
WITH A FOREWORD BY MICHELLE ALEXANDER

A CRUCIAL INDICTMENT OF WIDELY EMBRACED “ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION” THAT EXPOSES HOW MANY OF THESE NEW APPROACHES ACTUALLY WIDEN THE NET OF PUNISHMENT AND SURVEILLANCE

But what does it mean—really—to celebrate reforms that convert your home into your prison?
—MICHELLE ALEXANDER, FROM THE FOREWORD

Electronic monitoring. Locked-down drug treatment centers. House arrest. Mandated psychiatric treatment. Data-driven surveillance. Extended probation. These are some of the key alternatives held up as cost-effective substitutes for jails and prisons. But many of these so-called reforms actually widen the net, weaving in new strands of punishment and control, and bringing new populations, who would not otherwise have been subject to imprisonment, under physical control by the state.

As mainstream public opinion has begun to turn against mass incarceration, political figures on both sides of the spectrum are pushing for reform. But—though they’re promoted as steps to confront high rates of imprisonment—many of these measures are transforming our homes and communities into prisons instead.

In Prison by Any Other Name, activist journalists Maya Schenwar and Victoria Law reveal the way the kinder, gentler narrative of reform can obscure agendas of social control and challenge us to question the ways we replicate the status quo when pursuing change. A foreword by Michelle Alexander situates the book in the context of criminal justice reform conversations. Finally, the book offers a bolder vision for truly alternative justice practices.

Maya Schenwar is the editor-in-chief of Truthout. She is also the author of Locked Down, Locked Out and the co-editor of the anthology Who Do You Serve, Who Do You Protect? She lives in Chicago. Victoria Law is a freelance journalist and the author of Resistance Behind Bars and co-editor of Don’t Leave Your Friends Behind. She is a co-founder of NYC Books Through Bars and lives in New York. Michelle Alexander is an opinion columnist for the New York Times and the author of The New Jim Crow. She lives in Columbus, Ohio.

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Ellis Cose is a former columnist for Newsweek, chairman of the editorial board of the New York Daily News, contributor and critic for Time, and columnist for USA Today. The author of numerous books, including the bestselling The Rage of a Privileged Class, Cose lives in New York City.

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A New Story of American Racism

LAURA E. GÓMEZ

A GROUNDBREAKING EXAMINATION OF HOW LATINOS’ NEW COLLECTIVE RACIAL IDENTITY UPENDS THE WAY AMERICANS UNDERSTAND RACE

A Latino man who was filmed being racially abused by a white California woman has said similar incidents have become “increasingly regular” since Donald Trump took office.
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Latin music is more popular than country music, and one of the most recognizable political faces in the United States is Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-NY, whose family comes from Puerto Rico. And yet, Latinos . . . still face overt and subtle racism.
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In an unprecedented demographic shift, Latinos will comprise a third of the American population in just a matter of decades. While their influence shapes everything from electoral politics to popular culture, many Americans still struggle with two basic questions: Who are Latinos, and where do they fit in America’s racial order? Laura E. Gómez, a leading expert on race in America, argues that it is only recently that Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Dominicans, Central Americans, and others are seeing themselves (and are being seen by others) under the banner of a cohesive racial identity. And the catalyst for this emergent identity, she argues, has been the ferocity of anti-Latino racism.

In a bold effort to reframe our often-confused discussions over the Latinx generation, Gómez argues that everything from Trump’s toxic rhetoric and anti-immigrant laws like Arizona’s SB1070 to DACA and sanctuary cities have indelibly changed the way race functions in this country.

Part history, part guide for the future, Inventing Latinos argues that all Americans must grapple with Latinos’ dynamic identity—an identity that is impacting everything we think we know about race in America.

Laura E. Gómez is a professor of law, sociology, and Chicana/Chicano studies at UCLA. She is the author of Manifest Destinies, Mapping Race, and Misconceiving Mothers. She lives in Los Angeles.
The Beginning or the End
How Hollywood Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb

GREG MITCHELL

The Dark and Absurd Tale of Hollywood’s Attempt to Make “The Most Important Story Ever” About the Manhattan Project

Greg Mitchell is the best kind of historian, a true storyteller.
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Blood on the River
A Chronicle of Mutiny and Freedom on the Wild Coast
MARJOLEINE KARS

As the rebellion lighted from one plantation to another, colonists panicked. Instead of rallying to the colony’s defense, they acted to save themselves. Rather than protecting their plantations, they hurriedly readied themselves to abandon them.

—FROM BLOOD ON THE RIVER

On Sunday, February 27, 1763, thousands of slaves in the Dutch colony of Berbice—in present-day Guyana—launched a massive rebellion that came amazingly close to succeeding. Surrounded by jungle and savannah, the revolutionaries (many of them African-born) and Europeans struck and parried for an entire year. In the end, the Dutch prevailed because of one unique advantage—their ability to get soldiers and supplies from neighboring colonies and from Europe. Blood on the River is the explosive story of this little-known revolution, one that almost changed the face of the Americas.

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An astonishing original work of history, Blood on the River will change our understanding of revolutions, slavery, and of the story of freedom in the New World.

Marjoleine Kars is an associate professor at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. A noted historian of slavery, she is the author of Breaking Loose Together. She lives in Washington, DC.
Killing the Story
Journalists Risking Their Lives to Uncover the Truth in Mexico

TÉMORIS GRECKO
TRANSLATED FROM THE SPANISH BY DIANE STOCKWELL

A HARROWING AND UNFORGETTABLE LOOK AT REPORTING IN MEXICO, ONE OF THE WORLD’S MOST DANGEROUS COUNTRIES IN WHICH TO BE A JOURNALIST

Let them kill us all, if that is the death penalty for reporting this hell. No to silence.
—JAVIER VALDEZ CÁRDENAS LESS THAN TWO MONTHS BEFORE HE WAS PULLED FROM HIS CAR AND MURDERED IN THE STREET

In 2017, Mexico edged out Iraq and Syria as the deadliest country in the world in which to be a reporter, with at least fourteen journalists killed over the course of the year. The following year another ten journalists were murdered, joining the almost 150 reporters who have been killed since the mid-2000s in a wave of violence that has accompanied Mexico’s war on drugs.

In Killing the Story, award-winning journalist and filmmaker Témoris Grecko reveals how journalists are risking their lives to expose crime and corruption. From the streets of Veracruz to the national television studios of Mexico City, Grecko writes about the heroic work of reporters at all levels—from the local self-trained journalist Moises Sanchez, whose body was found dismembered by the side of a road after he reported on corruption by the state’s governor, to high-profile journalists such as Javier Valdez Cárdenas, gunned down in the streets of Sinaloa, and Carmen Aristegui, battling the forces attempting to censor her.

In the vein of Charles Bowden’s Murder City and Anna Politkovskaya’s A Russian Diary, Killing the Story is a powerful memorial to the work of Grecko’s lost colleagues, which shows a country riven by brutality, hypocrisy, and corruption, and sheds a light on how those in power are bent on silencing those determined to reveal the truth and bring an end to corruption.

Témoris Grecko is a journalist who has worked in ninety-one countries. A regular contributor to Proceso and Aristegui Noticias, he has published five books in Spanish. He has made two documentaries, Watching Them Die: The Mexican Army and the 43 Disappeared and The Truth Shall Not Be Killed. He lives in Mexico. Diane Stockwell is a Spanish-language translator based in New York.

Mexico’s press is caught in a deadly cycle of violence and impunity, with journalists in Veracruz state at particular risk of kidnap and murder. . . . A lack of political will to end impunity exposes Mexico as one of the most dangerous countries in the world for journalists.
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The Dismantling of Public Education and the Future of School

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There’s no more time for tinkering around the edges.
—BETSY DEVOS, 2018 “RETHINK SCHOOL” TOUR

Betsy DeVos may be the most prominent face of the push to dismantle public education, but she is in fact part of a large movement that’s been steadily gaining power and notching progress for decades—amassing funds, honing its messaging, and crafting policies. While support for public education today is stronger than ever, the movement to save our schools remains fragmented, variable, and voluntary. Meanwhile, those set on destroying this beloved institution are unified, patient, and well-resourced.

In A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door, Jennifer Berkshire and Jack Schneider, co-hosts of the popular education podcast Have You Heard, lay out the increasingly potent network of conservative elected officials, advocacy groups, funders, and think tanks that have aligned behind a radical vision to unmake public education. They describe the dogma underpinning the work of the dismantlers and how it fits into the current political context, giving readers an up-close look at the policies—school vouchers, the war on teachers’ unions, tax credit scholarships, virtual schools, and more—driving the movement’s agenda. Finally they look forward, surveying the world the dismantlers threaten to build.

As teachers from coast to coast mobilize with renewed vigor, this smart, essential book sounds an alarm, one that should incite a public reckoning on behalf of the millions of families served by the American educational system—and many more who stand to suffer from its unmaking.

Jack Schneider is the author of three books and an award-winning education historian and professor at the College of the Holy Cross. Jennifer Berkshire is the education editor at AlterNet. Together they host the education podcast Have You Heard. They both live in Massachusetts.
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