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Correction: Parole, Prison and the Possibility of Change by Ben Austin, published in November 2023 by Flatiron Books, an imprint of MacMillan Books  
<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250758811/correction>

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<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/excessive-punishment/9780231559249>

Correction: Parole, Prison, and the Possibility of Change, by Ben Austin, published by Flatiron Books  
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MASS Supervision – Probation, Parole and the Illusion of Safety and Freedom, by Vincent Schiraldi, published by The New Press  
<https://thenewpress.com/books/mass-supervision>

Beyond Bars: a Path Forward After 50 Years of Incarceration in the United States, from The Sentencing Project and The Society for the Study of Social Problems, published by Policy Press of Bristol University

FREE ELECTRONIC DOWNLOAD at

<https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/beyond-bars?emci=b88773ed-7730-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&emdi=38c3d0dd-7d30-ee11-b8f0-00224832eb73&ceid=10194244>

Parsimony and Other Radical Ideas About Justice, edited by Bruce Western and Jeremy Travis and featuring essays from more than twenty authors who've participated in the Square One Project, published by The New Press

<https://thenewpress.com/books/parsimony-other-radical-ideas-about-justice#:~:text=%E2%80%9C%20Parsimony%20and%20Other%20Radical%20Ideas%20About%20Justice,racialized%20capitalism%20to%20expand%20how%20we%20understand%20justice.>

Understanding E-Carceration: Electronic Monitoring, the Surveillance State, and the Future of Mass Incarceration, by James Kilgore, available at:

<https://bookshop.org/books/understanding-e-carceration-electronic-monitoring-the-surveillance-state-and-the-future-of-mass-incarceration/9781620976142?bblinkid=257748996&bbemailid=37809108&bbeid=-2049724454>

The Sentences that Create Us – Crafting a Writer's Life in Prison, by PEN America, edited by Caitis Meissner, available at:

<https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/1766-sentences-that-create-us?bblinkid=257755043&bbemailid=37809108&bbeid=-2049724454#:~:text=The%20Sentences%20That%20Create%20Us%20provides%20a%20road%20map%20for,offer%20advice%2C%20inspiration%20and%20resources> . -

My Time Will Come – a Memoir of Crime, Punishment Hope and Redemption, by Ian Manuel  
<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/610493/my-time-will-come-by-ian-manuel/>

Necropolitics – The Religious Crisis of Mass Incarceration in America, by Professor Christopher Ringer of the Chicago Theological Seminary, published November 17, 2020 – available at:

<https://www.booktopia.com.au/necropolitics-christophe-d-ringer/ebook/9781793626806.html>

“Prisons Make Us Safer”: and 20 Other Myths about Mass Incarceration, by Victoria Law, (Beacon Press 2021) -

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Find excerpts from the book at Literary Hub Daily of April 8, 2021:

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<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/41545555-women-leaving-prison>

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Reviewed in the New York Times Book Review on April 8, 2019:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/08/books/review/emily-bazelon-charged.html>

*Prisoners of Politics: Breaking the Cycle of Mass Incarceration* by Rachel Barkow, published by Harvard University Press

<http://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674919235>

*Beyond Prisons: A New Interfaith Paradigm for Our Failed Prison System* (and study guide) by Laura Magnani and Harmon Wray of the American Friends Service Committee

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edited by Fernando De Maio, Raj Shah, John Mazzeo, and David Ansell

*Beyond These Walls: Rethinking Crime and Punishment in the United States*, by Tony Platt

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(winner of the Pulitzer Prize)

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*Locked In*, by John Pfaff

*The Collapse of American Criminal Justice*, by William Stuntz

*The Protestant Ethic and The Spirit of Punishment*, by T. Richard Snyder

*Not a Crime To Be Poor*, by Peter Edelman

*Men on the Inside*, by Tyrone Muhammed - available for purchase at:

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[Punishing Fear: the Devastating Impacts of the War on Gun Possession in Chicago](https://mailchi.mp/chicagoappleseed.org/punishing-fear?e=9b71449375), a November 2024 report of [Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts](https://mailchi.mp/chicagoappleseed.org/punishing-fear?e=9b71449375)

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<https://pfa-1yr.loyolaccj.org/>

A Year of the Illinois Pretrial Fairness Act Sets a National Model for Reform, a September 2024 report of the Vera Institute of Justice  
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at 2433 North Lincoln Avenue in Chicago

Explores parenthood, the state of our public schools and school to prison pipeline

*Lettie*, by Boo Killebrew – premiered last season, in the spring of 2018, at Victory Gardens Theatre

Portrays the struggles of a woman who has been released from prison

Inspired by the experience of women at Grace House of St.Leonard's Ministries in Chicago

### **Film, TV and Video:**

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No More Shackles”- short film produced by the Chicago Community Bond Fund and Media Justice on the experience of extended incarceration under electronic monitoring

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4QXmRIS\\_OI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4QXmRIS_OI)

College Behind Bars – A 4-part series from PBS that explores the transformative power of higher education programs for inmates

<https://socialjusticeresourcecenter.org/resources/college-behind-bars/>

Girls on the Wall, an EMMY WINNING production of Story Catchers Theatre

<https://www.amazon.com/Girls-Wall-Heather-Ross/dp/B00GWPCVP4>

Short video about the collaborative program between Calvin College in Grand Rapids Michigan and the Michigan prison system that allows incarcerated people there to participate in a fully accredited college degree program.

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This is Crazy: Criminalizing Mental Illness -

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Ninth annual (In)Justice for All Film Festival, October 2024 – dozens of films at locations throughout the Chicago area –

*information will be available later in 2024 at*

<http://www.injusticeforallff.com/>