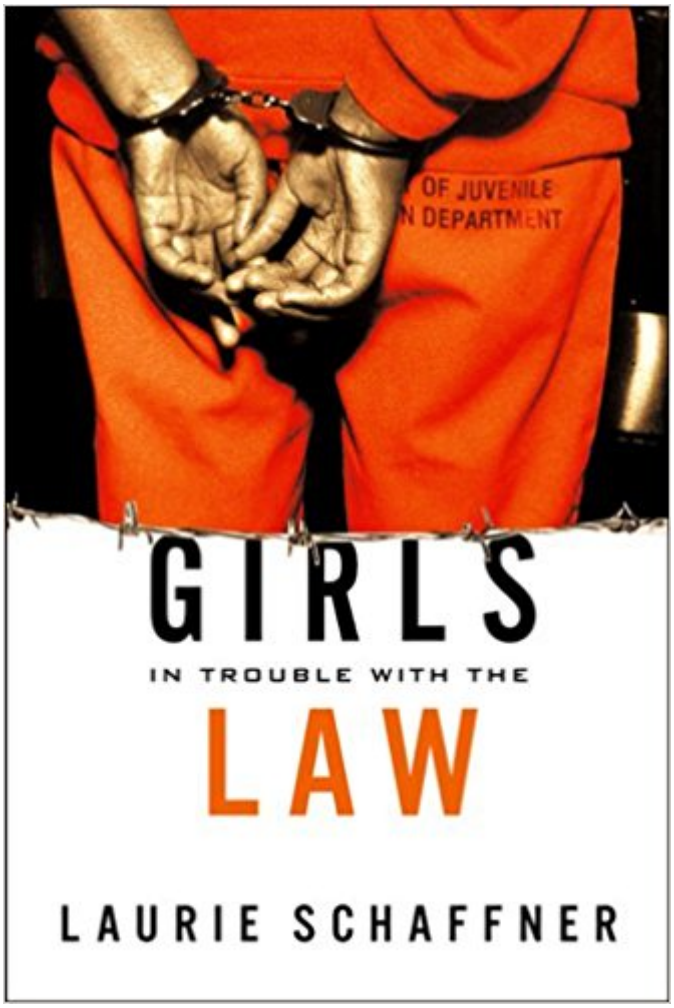
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Synopsis

In Girls in Trouble with the Law, sociologist Laurie Schaffner takes us inside juvenile detention centers and explores the worlds of the young women incarcerated within. Across the nation, girls of color are disproportionately represented in detention facilities, and many report having experienced physical harm and sexual assaults. For girls, the meaning of these and other factors such as the violence they experience remain undertheorized and below the radar of mainstream sociolegal scholarship. When gender is considered as an analytic category, Schaffner shows how gender is often seen through an outmoded lens. Offering a critical assessment of what she describes as a gender-insensitive juvenile legal system, Schaffner makes a compelling argument that current policies do not go far enough to empower disadvantaged girls so that communities can assist them in overcoming the social limitations and gender, sexual, and racial/ethnic discrimination that continue to plague young women growing up in contemporary United States.

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"This is a superb work, intermingling poetry, narrative, interviews, and examples to create a fascinating overview of what girls experience in the juvenile corrections system, as well as how they are perceived by the people entrusted with their care. Schaffner's book is well-conceived, beautifully written, and extremely clear." - Lynn Chancer, author of High Profile Crimes: When Legal Cases Become Social Causes"

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Gave a superficial view. I felt as if it were too short and did not delve into the Topic enough. We barely got a view of the girls it was as if conversations with them were an afterthought, which should not have been so given that he main goal was to give the girls voices

Informative a well written. Great if you have an interest in sociology and criminology. Not good for a passive read.

Really happy with this purchase. Book is in great condition. Thanks so much!

The book is really well written & takes you into the lives of these girls who were victimized in their homes & now by the system

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