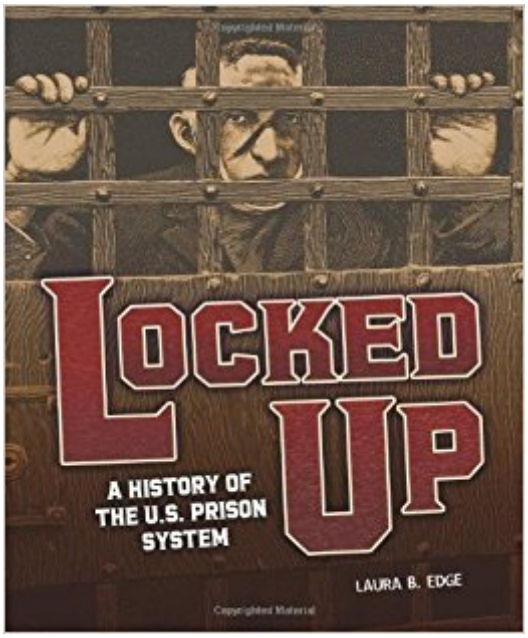
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Great little book and informative i am happy that i bought this gives a good overall history of the

penal system i used to be an office in a medium security prison and found it was wondering about how the penal system started and things and found it very interesting. also had great service i received the book fast i highly recommend this book its informative and interesting!

It was very useful in tracing the judicial system from origins to current system of incarceration shows the need for more focus on prevention of crime and entrance to Judicial system.

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Provocative look at America’s prison system and its history. Real stories and tons of photos will keep you turning page after page. Written for an adolescent and teen audience, subjects are dealt with in an age appropriate but honest way. The descriptions are vivid enough to keep any adolescent from a life of crime! At the end, the author illuminates some hopeful innovations for the future of our prison system.

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