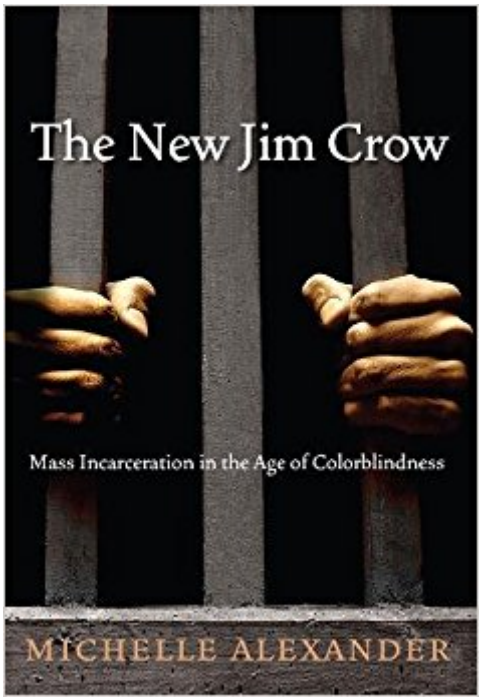
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The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration In The Age Of Colorblindness



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Synopsis

Once in a great while a book comes along that changes the way we see the world and helps to fuel a nationwide social movement. The New Jim Crow is such a book. Praised by Harvard Law professor Lani Guinier as "brave and bold," this book directly challenges the notion that the election of Barack Obama signals a new era of colorblindness. With dazzling candor, legal scholar Michelle Alexander argues that "we have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it." By targeting black men through the War on Drugs and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial controlÃ¢â ¬â •relegating millions to a permanent second-class statusÃ¢â ¬â •even as it formally adheres to the principle of colorblindness. In the words of Benjamin Todd Jealous, president and CEO of the NAACP, this book is a "call to action." Called "stunning" by Pulitzer PrizeÃ¢â ¬â œwinning historian David Levering Lewis, "invaluable" by the Daily Kos, "explosive" by Kirkus, and "profoundly necessary" by the Miami Herald, this updated and revised paperback edition of The New Jim Crow, now with a foreword by Cornel West, is a must-read for all people of conscience.

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. Contrary to the rosy picture of race embodied in Barack Obama’s political success and Oprah Winfrey’s financial success, legal scholar Alexander argues vigorously and persuasively that [w]e have not ended racial caste in America; we have merely redesigned it. Jim Crow and legal

racial segregation has been replaced by mass incarceration as a system of social control (More African Americans are under correctional control today... than were enslaved in 1850). Alexander reviews American racial history from the colonies to the Clinton administration, delineating its transformation into the war on drugs. She offers an acute analysis of the effect of this mass incarceration upon former inmates who will be discriminated against, legally, for the rest of their lives, denied employment, housing, education, and public benefits. Most provocatively, she reveals how both the move toward colorblindness and affirmative action may blur our vision of injustice: most Americans know and don't know the truth about mass incarcerationÃ¢â ¬â •but her carefully researched, deeply engaging, and thoroughly readable book should change that. (Feb.) Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Devastating. . . . Alexander does a fine job of truth-telling, pointing a finger where it rightly should be pointed: at all of us, liberal and conservative, white and black.Ã¢â ¬â •Forbes Alexander is absolutely right to fight for what she describes as a “much-needed conversationÃ¢â ¬Â• about the wide-ranging social costs and divisive racial impact of ourcriminal-justice policies.Ã¢â ¬â •Newsweek Invaluable . . . a timely and stunning guide to the labyrinth of propaganda, discrimination, and racist policies masquerading under other names that comprises what we call justice in America.Ã¢â ¬â •Daily Kos Many critics have cast doubt on the proclamations of racismÃ¢â ¬â„¢s erasure in the Obama era, but few have presented a case as powerful as AlexanderÃ¢â ¬â„¢s.Ã¢â ¬â •In These Times Carefully researched, deeply engaging, and thoroughly readable.Ã¢â ¬â •Publishers Weekly [Written] with rare clarity, depth, and candor.Ã¢â ¬â •Counterpunch A call to action for everyone concerned with racial justice and an important tool for anyone concerned with understanding and dismantling this oppressive system.Ã¢â ¬â •Sojourners Undoubtedly the most important book published in this century about the U.S.Ã¢â ¬â •Birmingham News

If you really want to know the extent of white privilege and how it survives given that most Americans are not outwardly racist anymore, this is the book for you. As Michelle Alexander points out in great detail, white privilege exists today in America in the form of mass incarceration, the generic term for the fact that despite being a supposedly "free" country, we manage to imprison more of our citizens than any other country on earth, even Russia or China. But more than that, a very high percentage of these people are black, and in fact they go to prison at a rate

disproportionate to the frequency with which they commit crimes. To be blunt, if you are caught selling illegal drugs in most states, you are likely to go to prison if you are black, but you will more likely get treated more leniently if you are white. It’s worse than that, because, unlike most other developed nations, we make certain that once someone is convicted of a felony, he loses the vote, his right to public housing, the ability to get a job, in other words, he can be discriminated against for life. But he committed the crime so he deserves it, right? Not so fast - whereas whites commit many crimes at the same rate as blacks or even higher, especially drug crimes, they go to prison much less often. Blacks have to be perfect - dot their i’s and cross all their t’s. It’s not realistic, and it’s unfair.Alexander points out that this is nothing more than a new system to marginalize and discriminate against blacks, and calls it "the new Jim Crow". If anything, it’s more accurate to call it the new slavery. Just go to Angola State Prison in Louisiana and watch all the black prisoners working in the cotton fields. Look familiar? Now how did this happen? How did the number of Americans behind bars go from 350,000 (still a high number) to over 2 million in the last 30-40 years? A large part of it was the War on Drugs, started by Nixon around 1970. Alexander traces the history of the drug war, and describes how it became a vehicle for mistreating blacks even in the face of prevalent "colorblind" attitudes of most Americans today. We don’t directly label blacks as inferior and make them ride the back of the bus today, we just try real hard to get them labeled as felons, then we can discriminate. And most Americans don’t realize we’re doing it and how much damage this causes. It’s also expensive and a waste of taxpayer dollars.In the final chapters Alexander offers some ideas on how to dismantle this system. It’s very hard, and it’s not enough to file lawsuits in individual cases. It requires a major protest movement. Many things have to be undone, such as the entire drug war, disenfranchisement laws, the management of prisons by private corporations to name a few. But the resistance will be huge because many jobs would disappear, and no one wants to be seen making life better for criminals. Also, colorblindness won’t do - we need to be conscious of racial differences yet driven to treat everyone with respect, fairness and kindness. It’s a totally different mindset for most Americans. Especially fascinating was her description of how such concessions, or "racial bribes", as affirmative action serve to justify continuing the system as it is. Affirmative action has helped a lot of blacks become successful, but it glosses over the main problem. The fact that we have a black President also obscures the real issues.Alexander states also that a full treatment of how to fix this problem would require another book, and I eagerly await that. In the meantime, please read this one.

Everyone should read this book. All the feelings we have about race, privilege and "the system" but

find hard to articulate...this book brings the explanation together. Straightforward, easy format....building blocks of information and history....captivating and lively writing. Thank you Michelle Alexander.

Michelle exposing age old mind set who sole purpose is the continual incarceration of the under class....Now, "what we must we do now that we know the facts" is the most important question of this generation.

Only half thru it, but see it as a "must read." Have a good history just in living thru most of this since the 60's. Ties things together well; cohesive; helps fill in the blanks. Should be used in history classes. Well written, simple presentation for complex topic, well documented, finding compelling reading.

This is an awesome read for anyone of color, or anyone interested in learning about the past and present institutionalization of blacks. When you can't really 'see' what's going on but you know that things are wrong, Ms. Alexander brings to your attention the historical background and current situation. Though the author has conducted plenty of research in order to present her book; my hope is that people will read this and try to take action to stop behavior that is negatively affecting black and brown skinned people.

This is a stunning book. I've been a civil rights activist since the 1960s and have been deeply concerned about the mass incarceration of Black men, but until I read The New Jim Crow, I had no sense of the profound and shocking impact of this practice. Its implications for, obviously, the men who are directly affected, but also for their families and for our communities, are so serious that I think the book should be required reading for every police department in the country. But in addition, everyone needs to be aware of what is happening -- we literally cannot afford the ignorance of a situation that is devastating so many lives. We need to read the book -- it is a careful and thorough appraisal of the situation, well and thoroughly documented.

From a white guy attempting to understand what's been going on in this country in regards to racism, this book really digs in to the system of mass incarceration and the outrageously negative effects it has had on the AA community. I highly recommend! For those with negative reviews I would pray that they would look deeply into their ideology and see where there could possibly be

imbedded pieces of racial indifference. Even if you have a problem with a few portions of the book, the overall evidence toward there being a caste system created by the War on Drugs and mass incarceration are extremely well supported.Great read!!!

This book provides a lot of historical context on how slavery in the US came into existence and how that system shifted racial divides, dismantled and rebirth in the form of Jim Crow laws, again dismantled and now currently existing in the form of mass incarceration of minority men, particularly Black men. This book provides clarity on the real motivation behind the so-called War on Drugs and how US presidents and politicians have upheld and perpetuated anew racial caste system in our country! Read and take action to debunk systems of oppression of all people!

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