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During the early twentieth century, a diverse group of African American women carved out unique niches for themselves within New York City's expansive informal economy. LaShawn Harris illuminates the labor patterns and economic activity of three perennials within this kaleidoscope of underground industry: sex work, numbers running for gambling enterprises, and the supernatural consulting business. Mining police and prison records, newspaper accounts, and period literature, Harris teases out answers to essential questions about these women and their working lives. She also offers a surprising revelation, arguing that the burgeoning underground economy served as a catalyst in working-class black

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women TMs creation of the employment opportunities, occupational identities, and survival strategies that provided them with financial stability and a sense of labor autonomy and mobility. At the same time, urban black women, all striving for economic and social prospects and pleasures, experienced the conspicuous and hidden dangers associated with newfound labor opportunities.

A lady once casually remarked on British public broadcasting that a third of society is depressed but no one ever speaks about it. Perhaps, in all seriousness, it is to this third of the population that this book is addressed. However you don't have to be depressed to read it. Potentially it is both amusing and instructive, light and deep. Shocked by the approach of his fiftieth year, an English bachelor makes a desperate attempt to become inwardly aware of his given circumstances. The attempt is

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sustained as a trial over a complete seven-year cycle in his life, leading virtually to the constitution of a new self. Occasionally enlivened by humour, what is particularly valuable in this account of Hero's manoeuvrings in time is its honesty and sustained sense of hope.

A fascinating look at the social life of women in prison. Intended to shine the light on prison social life in the face of allegations of all sorts of misconduct, deviant behaviors, and allegations.

This book examines key relationships between material circumstances and crime, and analyzes the areas of social policy – in particular social security and labour market policy – that are most important in terms of dealing with inequality at the lower end of the income hierarchy. It seeks to explain why inequality is linked to offending behaviour and the evidence underpinning explanations for this, and looks in detail at

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the relationship between offending and anti-social behaviour and its management through social policy interventions. *Crime and Inequality* draws upon both criminological and social policy approaches to understand this vital relationship, moving beyond criminological approaches which often fail to analyse the way the state attempts to manage poor material circumstance, offending and anti-social behaviour through social policy. The main aims of the book are threefold: to draw upon the disciplines of both criminology and social policy to understand the relationship between crime and inequality; to provide an in-depth analysis of those aspects of social policy that have a bearing on the context, management and punishment of offending behaviour; to examine government crime and anti-social behaviour policies in the context of social security and labour market policies, and to identify the tensions that

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have resulted from attempts to address social justice issues while also making individuals responsible for their actions.

Street Woman

The Roadhouse Comes to Britain

Geographies of Writing

An Alternative History

Charles Manson and the Many Lives of

America's Most Infamous Family

Street Life under a Roof

Urban Girls

***In this rich, well-written study, Eleanor Miller analyzes the social organization of street hustling and the lives of the women involved in it. Miller views hustling as "illegal work": prostitution, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, and larceny. Using information garnered from life histories and interviews with 64 female street hustlers in***

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***Milwaukee, she vividly describes a female underclass recruited to the world of the street for a substantial period of their lives. Street Woman offers a challenging alternative to recent sociological studies that view the "women's movement" as directly linked to the increasing participation of women in property crime. Miller shows that this increase in crime is a response to sustained poverty. Thus, many sociologists are out of touch with the typical female criminal in this country on both a demographic and personal level. "Typical" female hustlers, as their own words poignantly reveal, are young, poor minority women who have limited education and skills and who also***

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**have several children of their own. They adopt characteristic interpersonal relationships and familial forms that insure their survival but which leave the youngsters at greater risk of being recruited to street life. Street Woman is a work of great importance to sociologists and criminologists alike, both in its ramifications for public policy and its explicit implications for further research. Most important, Miller's desire to render a more personal portrait, to enable us to "at least recognize the individual in the picture painted of the group," leaves the reader with haunting portrayals of the women who struggle to survive in the violent, desperate, drug-ridden world of the street.**

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**Author note: Eleanor M. Miller is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.**

**Amber, Bev, Chantel, Jazmyne, Faith, and Jorgina are six Indigenous women previously involved in street gangs or the street lifestyle in Saskatoon, Regina, and Calgary. In collaboration with Indigenous Studies scholar Robert Henry (Métis), they share their stories using photovoice, a process where participants are understood to be the experts of their own experiences. Each photograph in the book was selected and placed in order to show how the authors have changed with their experiences. Following their photographs, the**



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**authors each share a narrative that begins with their earliest memory and continues to the present. Throughout, these women show us the meaning of survivance, a process of resistance, resurgence, and growth.**

**Stop the propaganda! If you don't control your environment, your environment will control you. Throughout my twenty years as a gang specialist, I have met numerous law enforcement officers that have been assigned to gang-suppression units and have effectively disrupted and/or dismantled criminal enterprises. Within groups of gang cops, many retire after a twenty-plus-year career, and yet these criminal enterprises that recruit**

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**our youth, that hold our  
communities**

**A WASHINGTON POST BEST BOOK  
OF THE YEAR This provocative  
and compelling book examines  
how jobs, schools, the streets,  
and prisons have shaped the  
lives and choices of a generation  
of Puerto Rican youth at the turn  
of the twenty-first century. At  
the center of this riveting  
account-based on an  
unprecedented eighteen-year  
study-are three engaging,  
streetwise brothers from  
Springfield, Massachusetts:  
Fausto, incarcerated for seven  
years and in and out of drug  
treatment, an insightful and  
sensitive street warrior playing  
on the edges of self-destruction;  
Julio, the family patriarch, a**

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**former gang member turned truck driver, fiercely loyal to his family and friends; and Sammy, a street maven, recovering drug addict, father of four, straddling two realms-the everyday world of low-wage work and the allure of the drug economy-as he shuttles between recovery and relapse. Timothy Black spent years with the brothers and their parents, wives and girlfriends, extended family, coworkers, criminal partners, friends, teachers, lawyers, and case workers. He closely observed street life in Springfield, including the drug trade; schools and GED programs; courtrooms, prisons, and drug treatment programs; and the young men's struggle for employment both on and off the**

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**books. The brothers, articulate and determined, speak for themselves, providing powerful testimony to the exigencies of life lived on the social and economic margins. The result is a singularly detailed and empathetic portrait of men who are often regarded with fear or simply rendered invisible by society. With profound lessons regarding the intersection of social forces and individual choices, Black succeeds in putting a human face on some of the most important public policy issues of our time. From the Hardcover edition.**

**Charles Manson's Creepy Crawl**

**The Big Smoke**

**The House on Mango Street**

**Stop The Propaganda**

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**Life Stories: A Guide to Reading  
Interests in Memoirs,  
Autobiographies, and Diaries  
The Routledge History Handbook  
of Gender and the Urban  
Experience**

**Women's Writing in Colombia**

*"Creepy crawling" was the Manson Family's practice of secretly entering someone's home and, without harming anyone, leaving only a trace of evidence that they had been there, some reminder that the sanctity of the private home had been breached. Now, author Jeffrey Melnick reveals just how*

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*much the Family creepy  
crawled their way  
through Los Angeles in  
the sixties and then on  
through American social,  
political, and cultural  
life for close to fifty  
years, firmly lodging  
themselves in our minds.  
Even now, it is almost  
impossible to discuss  
the sixties, teenage  
runaways, sexuality,  
drugs, music,  
California, and even the  
concept of family  
without referencing  
Manson and his "girls."  
Not just another history*

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*of Charles Manson, Creepy Crawling explores how the Family weren't so much outsiders but emblematic of the Los Angeles counterculture freak scene, and how Manson worked to connect himself to the mainstream of the time. Ever since they spent two nights killing seven residents of Los Angeles—what we now know as the "Tate-LaBianca murders"—the Manson family has rarely slipped from the American radar for long.*

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*From Emma Cline's The Girls to the recent TV show Aquarius, the family continues to find an audience. What is it about Charles Manson and his family that captivates us still? Author Jeffrey Melnick sets out to answer this question in this fascinating and compulsively readable cultural history of the Family and their influence from 1969 to the present. What happens when a family has nowhere to*



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*live? Some families have lost their houses because of financial difficulties or natural disasters and don't have the resources to find new homes. Their lives become a struggle to meet their basic needs. Some live in shelters, some with friends or relatives, some on the streets or in their cars. Many have trouble staying together. Can children growing up in these families really survive and have good lives? Are there good*

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*things these family members have learned from their situations? This book tells the stories of several families who have experienced homelessness and tries to answer some of those questions.*

*Winner of the Montserrat Ordóñez Prize 2018 This book provides an original and exciting analysis of Colombian women's writing and its relationship to feminist history from the 1970s to the present. In a period in which*

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*questions surrounding women and gender are often sidelined in the academic arena, it argues that feminism has been an important and intrinsic part of contemporary Colombian history. Focusing on understudied literary and non-literary texts written by Colombian women, it traces the particularities of Colombian feminism, showing how it has been closely entwined with left-wing politics and the country's history of*

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violence. This book therefore rethinks the place of feminism in Latin American history and its relationship to feminisms elsewhere, challenging many of the predominant critical paradigms used to understand Latin American literature and culture.

An anthology of literary essays focusing on the ways in which sexual, emotional, physical, racial, and other forms of violence have affected women artists'

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imagination.**

*Modeling Minority Women  
Social Practice and the  
Global Classroom*

*From The Golden Notebook  
to The Color Purple*

*Drinking, Driving and  
Dancing, 1925-1955*

*Conversion and the  
Literary Roots of the*

*U.S. Prison System*

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is the first to treat in  
an inclusive reference  
what is usually  
considered a societal  
failing and the

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underside of sexuality and economic survival. Contributors present a portrait of low-income, urban American adolescent girls based on fact rather than stereotype, aiming to fill the gap in research about adolescent girls. They explore girls' attitudes and alternatives in areas such as identity, family and peer relationships, sexuality, health, and career development, often allowing the girls to speak for themselves.

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With a new epilogue updated from its hardcover edition titled *Creepy Crawling: Charles Manson and the Many Lives of America's Most Infamous Family* "Creepy crawling" was the Manson Family's practice of secretly entering someone's home, and

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without harming anyone, leaving only a trace of evidence that they had been there, some reminder that the sanctity of the private home had been breached. Now, author Jeffrey Melnick reveals just how much the Family creepy crawled their way through Los Angeles in the sixties and then on through American social, political, and cultural life for fifty years, firmly lodging themselves in our minds. Even now, it is almost



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impossible to discuss the sixties, teenage runaways, sexuality, drugs, music, California, or even the concept of family without referencing Manson and his "girls." Not just another Charles Manson history, Charles Manson's Creepy Crawl: The Many Lives of America's Most Infamous Family explores how the Family weren't so much outsiders as emblematic of the Los Angeles counterculture freak scene, and how Manson

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'Unlike in Europe, North America, Australia and elsewhere, urban history has never been sustained as a distinct field of

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scholarship in New Zealand. This is surprising, considering that since the early twentieth century most New Zealanders have lived in towns and cities - 86 per cent were urban in 2014. Yet we know surprisingly little about these urban dwellers and the spaces in which they lived.' The pursuit of city life is one of the most important untold stories of New Zealand. The Big Smoke is the first comprehensive history to

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tell this story,  
presenting a dynamic and  
highly illustrated  
account of city life  
from 1840 to 1920. It  
explores such questions  
as: what did cities look  
like and how did they  
change; why were women  
especially drawn to live  
in cities; in what ways  
did M?ori experience and  
shape cities; how far  
was the street a living  
room and stage for city  
life; and why did New  
Zealand so quickly  
become a nation of  
townspeople? At a time

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Female Dropouts'

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School Years

Encounters of the Filmic  
Kind

Heroines in African and  
Asian American Fiction

London labour and the  
London poor

Survivance Narratives

When a Heart Turns Rock  
Solid

Point Place stands near the city center of Durban, South Africa. Condemned and off the grid, the five-story apartment building is nonetheless home to a hundred-plus teenagers and young adults marginalized by poverty and chronic unemployment. In Street

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Life under a Roof , Emily

Margaretten draws on ten years of up-close fieldwork to explore the distinct cultural universe of the Point Place community.

Margaretten's sensitive investigations reveal how young men and women draw on customary notions of respect and support to forge an ethos of connection and care that allows them to live far richer lives than ordinarily assumed. Her discussion of gender dynamics highlights terms like *nakana* --to care about or take notice of another--that young women and men use to construct "outside" and "inside" boyfriends and girlfriends and to communicate notions of trust. Margaretten



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exposes the structures of inequality at a local, regional, and global level that contribute to socioeconomic and political dislocation. But she also challenges the idea that Point Place's marginalized residents need "rehabilitation." As she argues, these young men and women want love, secure homes, and the means to provide for their dependents--in short, the same hopes and aspirations mirrored across South African society.

This is the first book to examine the cultural phenomenon of the roadhouse in mid 20th-century Britain and its impact on British leisure. The term 'roadhouse' was used in varied ways in the 1930s, from small roadside tearooms to

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enormous establishments on the outskirts of major cities. These roadhouses were an important component in the transformation of leisure in the 1930s and beyond, reflecting the increased levels of social and physical mobility brought about by new technologies, suburbanisation and the influence of American culture. Roadhouses attracted wealthy Londoners excited by the prospect of a high-speed run into the countryside. During the day, they offered family activities such as tennis, archery, horse riding and swimming. At night, they provided all the fun of the West End with dancing, classy restaurants, cabaret, swimsuit parades and dance

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demonstrations, subverting the licensing laws to provide all-night drinking. Rumours abounded of prostitution and transgressive behaviour in the car park.

Roadhouses formed part of an imaginary America in suburban Britain that was promoted by the popularity of American movies, music and fiction, providing a pastiche of the American country club. While much work has been done on the Soho nightclubs of the 1930s, the roadhouse has been largely ignored. Michael John Law and David Gutzke fill this gap in the literature by providing a comprehensive analysis of the roadhouse's cultural meaning, demonstrating how its

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Americanisation was interpreted for British consumers. This original and engaging study will be fascinating reading for all scholars of 20th-century British cultural history.

This wide-ranging study provides a historically grounded account of women's fiction in the 1960s and the 1970s, relating changes in the social structure of Britain and the United States to the literary representations of women's experience.

The success story of *The Big Issue* is both inspirational and paradoxical; rather than a charity, it is a flourishing commercial enterprise, but one that genuinely benefits those involved. The magazine is sold by homeless and

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vulnerable people and, in return, they achieve financial independence and status and self-reliance. The story of the paper's development has a practical angle; it should offer help and insights to NGOs and governments involved with the homeless, or to those businesses wishing to set up enterprises for the common good.

Creepy Crawling

Building Strengths

Bad Girls in Britain, 1900-1950

Encyclopedia of Prostitution and

Sex Work

Hero in the Labyrinth

New Zealand Cities, 1840-1920

Coming Up from the Streets

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informa company."

*Challenging current perspectives of urbanisation, The Routledge History Handbook of Gender and the Urban Experience explores how our towns and cities have shaped and been shaped by cultural, spatial and gendered influences. This volume discusses gender in an urban context in European, North American and colonial towns from the fourteenth to the twentieth century, casting new light on the development of medieval and modern settlements across the globe. Organised into six thematic parts covering economy, space, civic identity, material culture, emotions and the colonial world, this book comprises 36 chapters by key scholars in the field. It covers a wide range of topics, from women and citizenship in medieval York to gender and tradition*

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*in nineteenth- and twentieth-century South African cities, reframing our understanding of the role of gender in constructing the spaces and places that form our urban environment. Interdisciplinary and transnational in scope, this volume analyses the individual dynamics of each case study while also examining the complex relationships and exchanges between urban cultures. It is a valuable resource for all researchers and students interested in gender, urban history and their intersection and interaction throughout the past five centuries.*

*Twenty-first-century technological innovations have revolutionized the way we experience space, causing an increased sense of fragmentation, danger, and placelessness. In Geographies of Writing: Inhabiting*

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*Places and Encountering Difference, Nedra Reynolds addresses these problems in the context of higher education, arguing that theories of writing and rhetoric must engage the metaphorical implications of place without ignoring materiality.*

*Geographies of Writing makes three closely related contributions: one theoretical, to reimagine composing as spatial, material, and visual; one political, to understand the sociospatial construction of difference; and one pedagogical, to teach writing as a set of spatial practices. Aided by seven maps and illustrations that reinforce the book's visual rhetoric,*

*Geographies of Writing shows how composition tasks and electronic space function as conduits for navigating reality.*

*This powerful study reconceptualizes*



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*ideas of ethnic literature while investigating the construction of ethnic heroines, shifting the focus away from cultural politics and considering instead narrative or poetic qualities which involve surprising relationships between Anglo-American women's writing and fiction produced by Asian American and African American women authors.*

*Violence and Women's Writing  
Inhabiting Places and Encountering  
Difference*

*Black Chicago's Literary Landscape  
Traditional and Eastern Jewry in  
German-Jewish Literature from Heine  
to Hilsenrath*

*Kids Growing Up Without a Home  
The Many Lives of America's Most  
Infamous Family*

*Resisting Stereotypes, Creating  
Identities*

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This text contains fresh articles about a much neglected genre--fiction from and about the Jewish ghetto. An exciting addition to the ongoing debate about the place of regionalism in American literary history. American regionalism has become a contested subject in literary studies alongside the ubiquitous triad of race, class, and gender. *The Color of Democracy in Women's Regional Writing* enters into the heart of an ongoing debate in the field about the significance of regional fiction at the end of the 19th century.

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Jean Griffith presents the innovative view that regional writing provided Edith Wharton, Ellen Glasgow, and Willa Cather with the means to explore social transformation in a form of fiction already closely associated with women readers and writers. Griffith provides new readings of texts by these authors; she places them alongside the works of their contemporaries, including William Faulkner and Langston Hughes, to show regionalism's responses to the debate over who was capable of democratic participation and reading regionalism's

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changing mediations between natives and strangers as reflections of the changing face of democracy. This insightful work enriches the current debate about whether regionalism critiques hierarchies or participates in nationalist and racist agendas and will be of great interest to those invested in regional writing or the works of these significant authors.

Along the Streets of Bronzeville examines the flowering of African American creativity, activism, and scholarship in the South Side Chicago district known as

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Bronzeville during the period between the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s. Poverty stricken, segregated, and bursting at the seams with migrants, Bronzeville was the community that provided inspiration, training, and work for an entire generation of diversely talented African American authors and artists who came of age during the years between the two world wars. In this significant recovery project, Elizabeth Schroeder Schlabach investigates the institutions

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and streetscapes of Black Chicago that fueled an entire literary and artistic movement. She argues that African American authors and artists--such as Gwendolyn Brooks, Richard Wright, Langston Hughes, painter Archibald Motley, and many others--viewed and presented black reality from a specific geographic vantage point: the view along the streets of Bronzeville. Schlabach explores how the particular rhythms and scenes of daily life in Bronzeville locations, such as the State Street "Stroll" district or the bustling

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intersection of 47th Street and South Parkway, figured into the creative works and experiences of the artists and writers of the Black Chicago Renaissance.

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alikes" accompany each title •

Appendixes cover awards,  
websites, and resources •

Detailed indexes provide  
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Sex, Social Life, and Families

Women in American Prisons

Gender, Justice and Welfare in  
Britain, 1900-1950

The Lives of Three Puerto

Rican Brothers on and Off the  
Streets

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*literacy is changing around the world, and to keep up to date with literacy research and reporting techniques"--Provided by publisher.*

*A substantive guide to state of the art research and theory, the International Handbook of Criminology completes an esteemed trilogy of comparative analyses and insight from worldwide experts. Exploring a phenomenon that penetrates cultures of all racial, ethnic, and social classes, this volume continues in the tradition of its predecessors in the series by updating research on longstanding issues and offering perspectives into new problems and trends.*

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*Topics in this volume include: the etiology of crime historical antecedents of contemporary responses to crime life course criminology the basis for comparative research in criminal justice sources and strategies for knowledge acquisition in criminology specific forms of crime and criminal behavior, including environmental, sex-related, and financial responses to crime, including technological, societal, and policy-related crime issues related to social divisions. Assembling the works of leading criminologists in Europe, the Americas, the Pacific, the Mediterranean, and Australasia, this volume reflects the need for a*

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*re-evaluation of the field of criminology in response to the changing theoretical framework that has occurred in recent years. In doing so, it further elevates the level of discourse and sets the stage for innovative research projects and solutions. Those wishing to continue their studies should consult the International Handbook of Victimology and the International Handbook of Penology and Criminal Justice, which complete the trilogy. From the Classroom to the Corner explores the in-school and out-of-school experiences of three young women who dropped out of school as adolescents and turned to prostitution. This fascinating book*

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*presents them as case studies in the context of dropping out, in-school and non-school curriculum, adolescent prostitution, feminist theory, and race, class, and gender. Most prostitutes state that they are on the streets because they lack the educational credentials and job training required for gainful employment; therefore, the educational experiences of these young women are tantamount to any attempt to retain girls on the fringes. This book gives insight into how the educational system and classroom experience fail to meet the needs of these marginalized young women, and offers curricular designs to*

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*address the educational needs of dropouts and potential dropouts. The effects of the non-school curriculum on these girls' academic experience are also explored.*

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we want to lift off the page. She is  
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absolutely essential one." —The  
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Contemporary Women's Writing  
Sex Workers, Psychics, and  
Numbers Runners*

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*A Weekly Illustrated Journal of  
Horticulture and Allied Subjects*

*Guidebook to Film Theories*

*The Story of the Big Issue*

*Crime and Inequality*

The first major study of the history of British "bad girls," this book uses a wide range of professional, popular and personal texts to explore the experiences of girls in the twentieth century juvenile justice system, examine the processes leading to their definition as delinquent, defective or neglected, and analyses possibilities for reform.

Here is a new Clay Sanskrit

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Library publication of the middle book of Valmiki's Ramayana, the source revered throughout South Asia as the original account of the career of Rama, the ideal man and the incarnation of the great god Vishnu.

Prison Life Writing is the first full-length study of one of the most controversial genres in American literature. By exploring the complicated relationship between life writing and institutional power, this book reveals the overlooked aesthetic innovations of



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incarcerated people and the surprising literary roots of the U.S. prison system.

Simon Rolston observes that the autobiographical work of incarcerated people is based on a conversion narrative, a story arc that underpins the concept of prison rehabilitation and that sometimes serves the interests of the prison system, rather than those on the inside. Yet many imprisoned people rework the conversion narrative the way they repurpose other objects in prison. Like a radio motor retooled into a tattoo

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gun, the conversion narrative has been redefined by some authors for subversive purposes, including questioning the ostensible emancipatory role of prison writing, critiquing white supremacy, and broadly reimagining autobiographical discourse. An interdisciplinary work that brings life writing scholarship into conversation with prison studies and law and literature studies, *Prison Life Writing* theorizes how life writing works in prison, explains literature's complicated entanglements

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with institutional power, and demonstrates the political and aesthetic innovations of one of America's most fascinating literary genres. In response to recognition in the late 1960s and early 1970s that traditional incarceration was not working, alternatives to standard prison settings were sought and developed. One of those alternatives—community-based corrections—had been conceived in the 1950s as a system that might prove more progressive, humane, and effective, particularly

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with people who had committed less serious criminal offenses and for whom incarceration, with constant exposure to serious offenders and career criminals, might prove more damaging than rehabilitative. The alternative of community corrections has evolved to become a substantial part of the criminal justice and correctional system, spurred in recent years not so much by a progressive, humane philosophy as by dramatically increasing prison populations, court

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orders to "fix" overextended prison settings, and an economic search for cost savings. Although community correction programs have been in place for some 40 years now, to date no comprehensive reference resource has tackled this topic. Accessible and jargon-free and available in both print and electronic formats, the one-volume Encyclopedia of Community Corrections will explore all aspects of community corrections, from its philosophical foundation to its current inception.

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