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# From The War On Poverty To The War On Crime



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War on Crime The Making of  
Mass Incarceration in America

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## Synopsis

How did the land of the free become the home of the world's largest prison system? Elizabeth Hinton traces the rise of mass incarceration to an ironic source: not the War on Drugs of the Reagan administration but the War on Crime that began during Johnson's Great Society at the height of the civil rights era.

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The most important and informative book about the mass incarceration crisis to date. Hinton details the genesis and development of the flawed and biased criminal justice system which to this day thrives in the United States.

Ms. Hinton makes a very convincing case to locate baselines for our current mass incarceration strategies. While the threads of the incarceration-industrial complex are nefariously intertwined into our culture, the roots of these coursing networks are framed in our national disgraces: slavery, poverty and a sustained inequality of power distribution. Ms. Hinton and Ms. Alexander ("The

New Jim Crow") are voices that need amplification and reiteration in our society. Both are must reads.

This book is required reading if you want to understand crime, poverty, or race in America. If you liked the New Jim Crow, you will LOVE Hinton's book. I couldn't put it down.

Excellent read on well intended policies that never achieve what they promised. and the politics that drive them. As young woman, Hinton has a very wise and realistic view of society.

This is an incisive analysis about race, readable and important for those beginning the journey and scholars alike. This is an important book.

Book does what it promises to do. Just not a sexy subject. I found the book most informing.

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