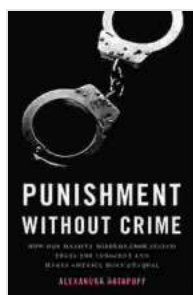


How Our Massive Misdemeanor System Traps the Innocent and Makes America More Unequal

By Matt Ferner

In the United States, there are over 1 million people in jail or prison. Of those, over half are there for nonviolent offenses, and a staggering number are innocent. This is due in large part to our country's massive misdemeanor system, which is a web of laws and regulations that criminalize everyday activities and disproportionately impacts the poor and people of color.



Punishment Without Crime: How Our Massive Misdemeanor System Traps the Innocent and Makes America More Unequal

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In his new book, ***How Our Massive Misdemeanor System Traps the Innocent and Makes America More Unequal***, Matt Ferner takes a deep

dive into this hidden crisis. He tells the stories of people who have been caught up in the misdemeanor system, and he explains how it perpetuates poverty, inequality, and mass incarceration.

Ferner argues that the misdemeanor system is a form of systemic racism. It is designed to control and punish the poor, and it has a devastating impact on communities of color. For example, Black people are arrested for misdemeanors at a rate that is 3 times higher than white people, even though they commit crimes at the same rate.

The misdemeanor system is also a major driver of mass incarceration. Many people who are arrested for misdemeanors end up pleading guilty to felonies in Free Download to avoid jail time. This is because the misdemeanor system is often stacked against the accused. They may not have access to a lawyer, and they may not be aware of their rights.

As a result, the misdemeanor system is a major contributor to the United States' high incarceration rate. In fact, the United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, and it is the only developed country that imprisons more people than China.

The misdemeanor system is a serious problem that has devastating consequences for individuals, families, and communities. It is a system that is designed to control and punish the poor, and it has a particularly harmful impact on communities of color. In his new book, Matt Ferner shines a light on this hidden crisis and calls for dringend reform.

Reviews

"A powerful and eye-opening account of the hidden crisis of mass misdemeanor arrests in the United States. Ferner's book is essential reading for anyone who cares about justice and equality."—**Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow***

"Ferner has written a devastating indictment of the misdemeanor system in the United States. This book is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the root causes of mass incarceration and inequality."—**Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy***

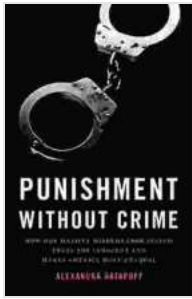
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