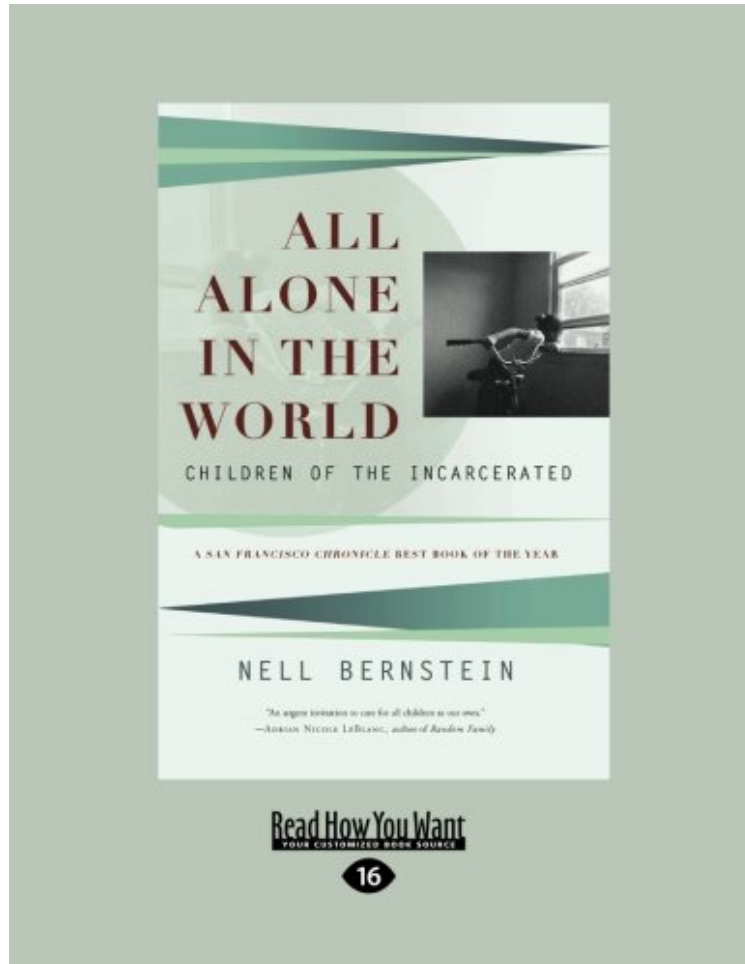


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Justice and I also work in the field.

An award-winning journalist's "heart wrenching" (The San Antonio Observer) look at children with parents in prison - a Newsweek "book of the week" and an East Bay Express bestseller. In this "moving condemnation of the U.S. penal system and its effect on families (Parents Press), award-winning journalist Nell Bernstein takes an intimate look at parents and children - over two million of them - torn apart by our current incarceration policy. Described as "meticulously reported and sensitively written by Salon, the book is "brimming with compelling case studies . . . and recommendations for change (Orlando Sentinel); Our Weekly Los Angeles calls it "a must-read for lawmakers as well as for lawbreakers.

From Publishers Weekly Starred . Children of prisoners: who even thinks about them? Journalist Bernstein puts a face on this population with staggering statistics (2.4 million children have a parent in jail, and as many as half of all boys whose parents do time will wind up behind bars themselves) and personal stories of children like Susana, who has embraced her father only once in her life, and Carl, who told the jailhouse Santa that all he wanted for Christmas was for his mother to come home. Parents and children speak about the trauma of prison visits, the expensive phone calls that cut off without warning and the questions from children (What do you tell your friends? Are you to blame?) and parents (Would your child be better off without you?). Bernstein takes on the system as well: because of mandatory sentencing, judges must impose life imprisonment without parole, regardless of circumstances; a convicted felon, once released, has no access to student or small-business loans, public assistance or housing; a grandmother fears applying for aid because she must give up her grandchildren to the foster care system for evaluation and may never get them back. Well researched and smoothly written, Bernstein's book pumps up awareness of the problems, provides a checklist for what needs to be done and also cites organizations like the Osborne Society that provide parenting and literacy classes, counseling and support. The message is clear : taking family connections into account "holds particular promise for restoring a social fabric rent by both crime and punishment." (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. An important book its pages at once heartbreaking and instructive. -- Robert Coles Meticulously reported and sensitively written, Bernstein's book draws upon a decade of research and astounding personal interviews. -- Salon.com Remarkable. Bernstein sets out to explore the crisis, which she suggests will be "the civil rights issue of the 21st century. -- San Francisco Chronicle About the Author Nell Bernstein is an award-winning journalist and former Soros Justice Media Fellow at the Open Society Institute of New York whose articles have appeared in Newsday, Salon, Mother Jones, and the Washington Post, among other publications. She lives outside of Berkeley, California.