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[Angels with Dirty Faces](#)

Waterside Press

A Letter to My Father is an extraordinary autobiography of a young black man growing up in a loving and supportive close-knit family, who finds himself struggling through what he sees as the minefields established by the racial and oppressive nature of White America. As the title denotes, "A Letter To My Father" is a revealing conversation of a son to his father. However, the father is deceased and the letter conveys to him what happened to their family after his death. The author shares his personal memories, as well as those conveyed to him by his mother, brother, and extended family. He

writes his father about a loving and caring mother and her struggle to raise their two sons alone; and about a big brother who protects him and tries to become the father they both were without. The book in its unique format, tells of a young man's experiences while growing up in the streets of Philadelphia, PA, surrounded by racial images and trying to find his place in a struggle for political and economic equality against the odds of being black, poor and uneducated in the 1960's. When his search leads him to the black nationalist ideology of the Nation of Islam, he becomes involved in both community activism and crime. Soon this results in his being arrested, charged, and convicted for one of the most heinous crimes ever committed. The case

became known as the Washington, D.C. Hanafi Muslim Murders, and although he would eventually be acquitted, he still found himself trapped in, and swallowed up by a repressive, and counterproductive prison system. As the result of governmental manipulations, he is convicted in the jail-house murder of a government informant, and left to deal with the harsh and brutal realities of prison life. While desperately trying to maintain a positive relationship with his wife and children, he educates himself, helps to establish literacy programs for other prisoners, becomes a teacher, and involves himself in the fight for prison reform. In writing "A Letter To My Father," the author acknowledges personal responsibility for how his life turns out. He also reveals society's role

in arresting the economic, social, and political development of black people in America. Through the eyes of a young black fatherless male, he expresses the frustrations he felt as a member of an outcast minority, who after realizing history's lie, sets out to deal with it in a world full of confused and misguided concepts. The book ends with the deaths of his beloved mother and brother. After being incarcerated for over 26 years, and always having their love and support, he has to deal with and accept the loss of both of them in a six-week span. While he reaffirms his fight for freedom, he realizes that not only has his mother and brother taught him how to stand firm and face the harsh realities of life, but also how to stand firm and face the inevitable reality of death.

I Don't Like Mondays

Vintage

"Whirlwind & Storm introduces us to the colorful and impetuous Lieutenant Colonel Charles Farnsworth, a Connecticut cavalryman in the Union Army. Farnsworth was fiery, ambitious, and bold, sometimes a little too bold for his own good---in

combat, in business ventures, and in the river crossing that ended his life tragically early. Drawing from a rich and previously ignored trove of letters and diaries, Farnsworth's great-grandson and namesake, a military veteran himself, has done a marvelous job of bringing alive this officer in all his flawed glory." Adam Hochschild, author of *To End All Wars: A Story of Loyalty and Rebellion, 1914-1918* and other books. "With excellent research and clear writing, *Whirlwind & Storm* paints an impartial, intriguing, and entertaining account of the author's privileged ancestor, who served heroically with the First Connecticut Cavalry battalion in the Civil War. Before, during, and after the war "Charlie" Farnsworth exuded those common human traits that so defined him: driven, disciplined, courageous, opportunistic, and passionate. *Whirlwind & Storm* adds an illuminating, original, and personal work to the collage of our great American heritage." Robert B. Angelovich, author of the forthcoming *Riding for Uncle Samuel: The History of the First*

Connecticut Cavalry in the Civil War. "If you want to know what the Civil War was really like, this is the book for you: an intimate, personal portrait of the war experience and the people who lived it, giving the reader a firsthand view of its realities. It is meticulously researched, authoritatively documented, and gracefully written." William Bennett Turner, author of *Figures of Speech: First Amendment Heroes and Villains*. "Lieutenant Colonel Charlie Farnsworth of Norwich emerges here as a free-spirited and ambitious young cavalry officer, with unique and often irreverent views on the Civil War and its leaders. His wide experience in the war, including imprisonment in Richmond, is well-researched and very readably presented. I found it especially fun to follow Charlie's love life through this most enjoyable book." Vic Butsch, New London County (Connecticut) Civil War Round Table, Norwich Historical Society. An intimate look at a young Norwich, Connecticut cavalry officer---in war, love, and his attempts to strike it rich---and his fierce ambition to make

his mark in the Civil War and early Reconstruction. Lieutenant Colonel Charles Farnsworth's letters and diaries form the cornerstone for this short biography about an adventurer who helped organize the First Connecticut Cavalry. The book covers "Charlie's" near-fatal shooting while searching for Confederate bushwhackers in Virginia, his protests against incompetent Union leadership, his capture and confinement in Richmond's notorious Libby Prison, his romantic entanglements, his political connections with President Lincoln that sent him south in early 1865, and his tragic struggle to make his mark in Georgia during the early years of Reconstruction.

Snake Eyes Farrar, Straus and Giroux
An inspiring memoir from a legendary activist and political prisoner that "reminds us of the sheer joy that comes from resisting civic wrongs" (Truthout). In 1968, Safiya Bukhari witnessed an NYPD officer harassing a Black Panther for selling the organization's newspaper on a Harlem street corner. The young pre-med student felt compelled to intervene in

defense of the Panther's First Amendment right; she ended up handcuffed and thrown into the back of a police car. *The War Before* traces Bukhari's lifelong commitment as an advocate for the rights of the oppressed. Following her journey from middle-class student to Black Panther to political prisoner, these writings provide an intimate view of a woman wrestling with the issues of her time—the troubled legacy of the Panthers, misogyny in the movement, her decision to convert to Islam, the incarceration of outspoken radicals, and the families left behind. Her account unfolds with immediacy and passion, showing how the struggles of social justice movements of the past have paved the way for the progress—and continued struggle—of today. With a preface by Bukhari's daughter, Wonda Jones, a forward by Angela Y. Davis, and edited by Laura Whitehorn, *The War Before* is a riveting look at the making of an activist and the legacy she left behind.

Letters from Camp Prison
The Feminist Press at CUNY
Random Family meets

Orange Is the New Black in *A Little Piece of Light*, a memoir of survival, redemption, hope, and sisterhood from a bold new voice on the front lines of the criminal justice reform movement. Like so many women before her and so many women yet to come, Donna Hylton's early life was a nightmare of abuse that left her feeling alone and convinced of her worthlessness. In 1986, she took part in a horrific act and was sentenced to 25 years to life for kidnapping and second-degree murder. It seemed that Donna had reached the end—at age 19, due to her own mistakes and bad choices, her life was over. *A Little Piece of Light* tells the heartfelt, often harrowing tale of Donna's journey back to life as she faced the truth about the crime that locked her away for 27 years...and celebrated the family she found inside prison that ultimately saved her. Behind the bars of Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, alongside this generation's most infamous criminals, Donna learned to fight, then thrive. For the first time in her life, she realized she was not alone in the abuse and misogyny she experienced—and she was

also not alone in fighting back. Since her release in 2012, Donna has emerged as a leading advocate for criminal justice reform and women's rights who speaks to politicians, violent abusers, prison officials, victims, and students to tell her story. But it's not her story alone, she is quick to say. She also represents the stories of thousands of women who have been unable to speak for themselves, until now. *Letters to a Lifer* Cornell University Press

Now presented with a son's thirty years of research to provide new context. In June 1970, Sam Melville pleaded guilty to a series of politically motivated bombings in New York City and was sentenced to thirteen to eighteen years in jail. His imprisonment took him to Attica, where he helped lead the massive rebellion of September 9, 1971—and where, four days later, he was shot to death by state police. During nearly two years in prison, Melville wrote letters to his friends, his attorneys, his former wife, and his young son. To read them is to eavesdrop on a man's soul. Determinedly honest and deeply moving, they reveal much

about Sam and evoke the suffering of prisoners in America. Collected after his death, the letters were originally published with material by Jane Alpert, who was living with Sam when both were arrested on bombing charges, and John Cohen, a close friend who visited Sam in jail. Sam's letters begin with despair but end in hope and defiance. He became a leader of the prisoners' struggle for justice and humane treatment. At Attica he fought against and was a victim of the state's brutality. Those who knew Sam found him a man of extraordinary courage and determination, who rather than accede or submit to injustice and racism chose to fight against them. Reports of Cases Determined in the Courts of Appeal of the State of California Palgrave Macmillan

In the late nineteenth century, progressive reformers recoiled at the prospect of the justice system punishing children as adults. Advocating that children's inherent innocence warranted fundamentally different treatment, reformers founded the nation's first juvenile court in Chicago in 1899. Yet amid an influx of new African

American arrivals to the city during the Great Migration, notions of inherent childhood innocence and juvenile justice were circumscribed by race. In documenting how blackness became a marker of criminality that overrode the potential protections the status of "child" could have bestowed, Tera Eva Agyepong shows the entanglements between race and the state's transition to a more punitive form of juvenile justice. In this important study, Agyepong expands the narrative of racialized criminalization in America, revealing that these patterns became embedded in a justice system originally intended to protect children. In doing so, she also complicates our understanding of the nature of migration and what it meant to be black and living in Chicago in the early twentieth century. Family Environment and Delinquency Chicago Review Press 111121

Glover v Parole Board, 460 Mich 511 (1999) University of Oklahoma Press

An in-depth look into America's first modern

school shooting, featuring interviews with witnesses, local reporters, and the killer herself. In 1979, Brenda Spencer, a seemingly average teenage girl living in a nice suburban neighborhood, made and executed plans that would place her in infamy and set a violent and terrifying national precedent. She receives a rifle for Christmas and a month later set her sights and opens fire on the elementary school across the street. The event is forever glorified by the song “I Don’t Like Mondays” by The Boomtown Rats and marks the bloody beginning of the American phenomenon of school shootings. Long before Columbine and Sandy Hook, there was Brenda Spencer . . . I Don’t Like Mondays: The True Story of America’s First Modern School Shooting sifts through the mythology that has sprung up around this fateful day, presenting the raw and riveting facts for the first time. This book lays bare this seemingly average teenage girl’s brutal motives and subsequent arrest. N. Leigh Hunt spent years researching and uncovering shocking details from officers,

investigators, and lost police dispatches. He has interviewed people who were on the scene and local reporters who spoke with the perpetrator directly after her shooting spree. Hunt has even cultivated an unlikely rapport with the killer and through personal interviews, has shed light on previously unknown details about her upbringing and influences.

Welfare Bulletin

BenBella Books

A modern master of suspense, critically acclaimed author Charlie Donlea returns with a taut, gripping novel about the deadly secrets hiding in plain sight . . . The truth is easy to miss, even when it’s right in front of us. As a forensic reconstructionist, Rory Moore sheds light on cold-case homicides by piecing together crime scene details others fail to see. Cleaning out her late father’s law office a week after his burial, she receives a call that plunges her into a decades-old case come to life once more. In the summer of 1979, five Chicago women went missing. The predator, nicknamed The Thief, left no bodies and no clues behind—until police received a package from

a mysterious woman named Angela Mitchell, whose unorthodox investigation skills appear to have led to his identity. But before they could question her, Angela disappeared. Forty years later, The Thief is about to be paroled for Angela’s murder—the only crime the DA could pin on him. But the cryptic file Rory finds in her father’s law office suggests there is more to the case, and Angela Mitchell, than what was fed to the public, the details of which have been buried for four decades. Rory’s talents are tested as she begins reconstructing Angela’s last days. Making one startling discovery after another, Rory becomes helplessly entangled in the enigma of Angela Mitchell and what happened to her. Drawing connections between the past and present, Rory uncovers dark truths about the reclusive victim, her father, and the man called The Thief that send her down a twisting trail where things may not be as they appear. As she continues to dig, even Rory can’t be prepared for the full, terrifying truth that is emerging . . .

The Scots Digest of Scots Appeals in the House of Lords from

1707 and of the Cases Decided in the Supreme Courts of Scotland Routledge

The author is the letter writer. He has been involved in addiction recovery for almost 3 decades. Throughout this time, his mother has been his support and has loved him unconditionally. She has compiled and edited these personal letters with both courage and love. The letters in the book give the reader a true picture of incarceration in the U.S. of the late 1990s and early 2000s. Here is an inside look at the race relations, inmate jobs, the law officers and the family visits in a facility used to punish drug offenders at that time.

The Change Agent NYU Press

Analyzes how the U.S. victims rights movement has expanded the concept of victimhood to include family members and others close to the direct victims of violent crime.

A Little Piece of Light UNC Press Books

With the exception of a few iconic moments such as Rosa Parks's 1955 refusal to move to the back of a Montgomery bus, we hear little about what black women activists did prior to 1960.

Perhaps this gap is due to the severe repression that radicals of any color in America faced as early as the 1930s, and into the Red Scare of the 1950s. To be radical, and black and a woman was to be forced to the margins and consequently, these women's stories have been deeply buried and all but forgotten by the general public and historians alike. In this exciting work of historical recovery, Dayo F. Gore unearths and examines a dynamic, extended network of black radical women during the early Cold War, including established Communist Party activists such as Claudia Jones, artists and writers such as Beulah Richardson, and lesser known organizers such as Vicki Garvin and Thelma Dale. These women were part of a black left that laid much of the groundwork for both the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and later strains of black radicalism. Radicalism at the Crossroads offers a sustained and in-depth analysis of the political thought and activism of black women radicals during the Cold War period and adds a new dimension to our understanding of this

tumultuous time in United States history.

Mother of a Prisoner

Hachette Books

Here, from the incomparable John Waters, is a paean to the power of subversive inspiration that will delight, amuse, enrich—and happily horrify readers everywhere. Role Models is, in fact, a self-portrait told through intimate profiles of favorite personalities—some famous, some unknown, some criminal, some surprisingly middle-of-the-road. From Esther Martin, owner of the scariest bar in Baltimore, to the playwright Tennessee Williams; from the atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair to the insane martyr Saint Catherine of Siena; from the English novelist Denton Welch to the timelessly appealing singer Johnny Mathis—these are the extreme figures who helped the author form his own brand of neurotic happiness. Role Models is a personal invitation into one of the most unique, perverse, and hilarious artistic minds of our time. Loving You, Thinking of You, Don't Forget to Pray Springer Science & Business Media
A noted criminal lawyer

describes her role as a champion of the rights of the accused in a criminal case, discussing the ethical dilemmas of representing the guilty, the burden of fighting for the innocent, and her own career of attempting to right the wrongs of the American criminal justice system by freeing wrongfully convicted individuals. 15,000 first printing.

The Institution Quarterly
AK Press

Click here to find out more about the 2009 MLA Updates and the 2010 APA Updates. Real Essays with Readings is the essay-level book in Susan Anker's highly successful series of writing texts that motivate students with their message that writing is an essential skill in college and in real life — and that this skill is achievable. Anker's advice, examples, and assignments show the relevance of writing to all aspects of students' lives, and profiles of former students prove that success is attainable. Like all the books in the Anker series, Real Essays presents writing in logical, manageable increments: step-by-step writing guides and a focus on the "four basics" of each mode of writing keep

students from becoming overwhelmed. Real Essays maintains its emphasis on what really matters by focusing on the four most serious errors (fragments, run-ons, subject-verb agreement problems, and verb form problems). Real Essays gives students what they need to succeed in college and become stronger academic writers.

You Feel So Mortal Post
Hill Press

Helena Bailey came from the school of hard knocks. She spent her youth in the streets, learning how to be a high roller, with promiscuity, and theft. She took high risks in the game of chance, until karma caught up with her, and found herself having to pay back her debt, by living her life in and out of prison. Her last offense landed her in prison for the last time, as she encountered Jesus and received grace and a fresh start at life. Join her on her journey to redemption as each chapter reveals Gods plans for her life.

The Criminalization of Black Children Simon and Schuster

The International Library of Sociology (ILS) is the most important series of books on sociology ever published. Founded in the

1940s by Karl Mannheim, the series became the forum for pioneering research and theory, marked by comparative approaches and analysis of new disciplines, such as the sociology of youth and culture. Spanning volumes by Parsons, Dickinson and Ossowski, the history of the ILS is the history of modern sociology.

[Real Essays with Readings with 2009 MLA Update](#)
Xlibris Corporation

Early twentieth-century African American men in northern urban centers like New York faced economic isolation, segregation, a biased criminal justice system, and overt racial attacks by police and citizens. In this book, Douglas J. Flowe interrogates the meaning of crime and violence in the lives of these men, whose lawful conduct itself was often surveilled and criminalized, by focusing on what their actions and behaviors represented to them. He narrates the stories of men who sought profits in underground markets, protected themselves when law enforcement failed to do so, and exerted control over public, commercial, and domestic spaces through force in a city

that denied their claims to citizenship and manhood. Flowe furthermore traces how the features of urban Jim Crow and the efforts of civic and progressive leaders to restrict their autonomy ultimately produced the circumstances under which illegality became a form of resistance. Drawing from voluminous prison and arrest records, trial transcripts, personal letters and documents, and investigative reports, Flowe opens up new ways of understanding the black struggle for freedom in the twentieth century. By uncovering the relationship between the fight for civil rights, black constructions of masculinity, and lawlessness, he offers a stirring account of how working-class black men employed extralegal methods to address racial injustice.

Released Duke University Press

"[A] smart, witty, bittersweet book of writings about her own body . . . the author examines the journey of life inside that most imperfect of vessels."
—Chicago Tribune Feet, bras, autopsies, hair—Peggy Shinner takes an honest, unflinching look at all of them in this

collection of searing and witty essays about the body: her own body, female and Jewish; those of her parents, the bodies she came from; and the collective body, with all its historical, social, and political implications. What, she asks, does this whole mess of bones, muscles, organs, and soul mean? Searching for answers, she turns her keen narrative sense to body image, gender, ethnic history, and familial legacy, exploring what it means to live in our bodies and to leave them behind. Over the course of twelve essays, Shinner holds a mirror up to the complex desires, fears, confusions, and mysteries that shape our bodily perceptions. Driven by the collision between herself and the larger world, she examines her feet through the often-skewed lens of history to understand what makes them, in the eyes of some, decidedly Jewish; considers bras, breasts, and the storied skills of the bra fitter; asks, from the perspective of a confused and grieving daughter, what it means to cut the body open; and takes a reeling time-trip through myth, culture, and history to look at women's hair in ancient

Rome, Laos, France, Syria, Cuba, India, and her own past. Some pieces investigate the body under emotional or physical duress, while others use the body to consider personal heritage and legacy. Throughout, Shinner writes with elegance and assurance, weaving her wide-ranging thoughts into a firm and fascinating fabric.

Whirlwind and Storm

WildBlue Press

Sentenced to sixty-five years in a Texas prison, Damon West once had it all. He came from a great family, in a home full of God, love, support, and opportunities to reach any goal. A natural born leader, an athlete with good looks and charm, he appeared to be the all-American kid pursuing his dreams. Underneath this facade, however, was an addict in the early stages of disease. After suffering childhood sexual abuse by a babysitter at the age of nine, Damon began putting chemicals into his body to alter the way he felt. Once he was introduced to methamphetamines, however, he became instantly hooked—and the lives of so many innocent people would forever be changed by the choices

he made in order to feed his insatiable meth habit. After a fateful discussion during his incarceration with a seasoned convict, Damon had a spiritual awakening. He learned

that, like a coffee bean changing with the application of heat and pressure, he was capable of changing the environment around him. Armed with a program of recovery, a renewed faith,

and a miraculous second chance at life, Damon emerged from over seven years of prison a changed man. His story of redemption continues to inspire audiences today.