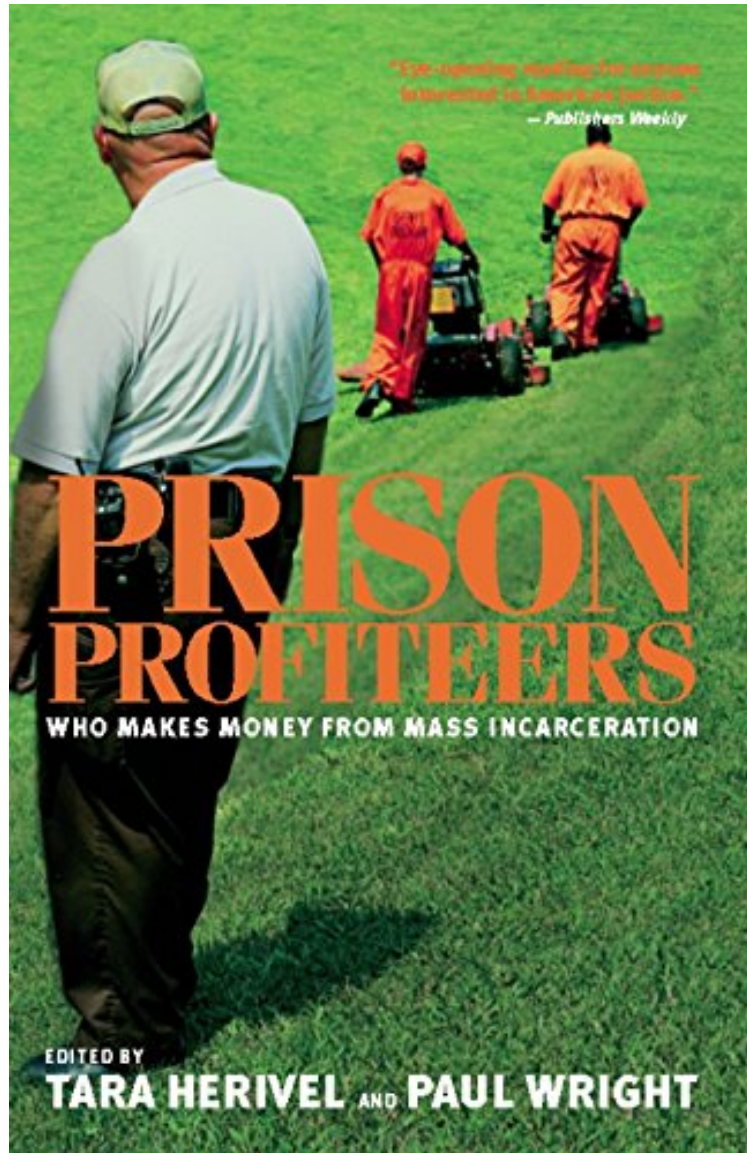


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Incarceration". All taxpayers should read this eye-opening book. If you think prisons don't adversely affect your life, think again! Prisons are huge money-makers for some unlikely (and some very likely) people at our expense. A must read for people who want to stay truthfully informed. A warning for those who feel that only people who have broken the law are inmates in our prisons. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good read to better understand the profit of a carceral-industrial complex. By Ed Epping. Though quickly becoming outdated by the expansive outsourcing for our carceral-industrial complex, this book centers attention on those who profit from policies that are incorrect in their assumptions, racist/sexist in their attribution and morally corrupt. Recommended reading for those who need to know more about incarceration in the USA

The astonishing range of industries, corporations, and individuals profiting from the imprisonment of over 2.3 million Americans. "Positive: With the baby boomlet demographics, we foresee increasing demand for juvenile [incarceration] services. Negative: ...it is often difficult to maintain the occupancy rates required for profitability." —from a report produced for the private prison industry by investment analysts First Analysis Securities Corporation. Locking up 2.3 million people isn't cheap. Each year federal, state, and local governments spend over \$185 billion annually in tax dollars to ensure that one out of every 137 Americans is imprisoned. *Prison Profiteers* looks at the private prison companies, investment banks, churches, guard unions, medical corporations, and other industries and individuals that benefit from this country's experiment with mass imprisonment. It lets us follow the money from public to private hands and exposes how monies formerly designated for the public good are diverted to prisons and their maintenance. Find out where your tax dollars are going as you help to bankroll the biggest prison machine the world has ever seen. Contributors include: Judy Greene on private prison giants Geo (formerly Wackenhut) and CCA; Anne-Marie Cusac on who sells electronic weapons to prison guards; David Lapido on how private corporations profit from prison labor; Wil S. Hylton on the largest prison health care provider; Ian Urbina on how prison labor supports the military; Kirsten Levingston on the privatization of public defense; Jennifer Gonnerman on the costs to neighborhoods from which prisoners are removed; Kevin Pranis on the banks and brokerage houses that finance prison building; and Silja Talvi on the American Correctional Association as a tax-funded lobbyist for professional prison bureaucracies.

From Publishers Weekly. In their follow-up to 2002's *Prison Nation: The Warehousing of America's Poor*, prisoner rights activists Herivel and Wright, with 16 other contributors, follow the money to an astonishing constellation of prison administrators and politicians working in collusion with private parties to maximize profits at the expense of taxpayers, community health and, of course, the 2.3 million inmates nationwide. The overarching narrative, laid out clearly in the opening article by Judy Greene, finds a system increasingly dominated by select, minimally accountable private companies for whom profitability depends on the promise of more and longer convictions. As such, investment in treatment programs, education and family assistance is diverted to organizations delivering substandard food and "health care" that allows hepatitis C to reach levels one doctor compares to "the Dark Ages with the plague"; corruption runs all the way down to prison phone contracts. Cruelty and administrative stupidity come in many forms, claim the authors; guards earning \$5.77 per hour beat the young inmates of a Louisiana juvenile facility while abuse schemes and political back-scratching trump efforts to police them, as evidenced by the growth of industry tradeshows and companies (such as International Taser). This is lucid, eye-opening reading for anyone interested in American justice. Copyright © 2007; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist. Prison is big business, from contracts for construction and food and health service to transportation and providing guards. Prisoner rights advocates Herivel and Wright offer a collection of essays examining every aspect of incarceration and economics, from the effect on rural economies (jobs and higher population counts for the census) to urban economies (the social effect on poor neighborhoods with an overabundance of men rotating in and out of the prison system). Banks and brokerage houses provide the financing, and contractors provide everything from Tasers to aspirin. Lobbyists supporting prison-related industries influence federal and state governments with an eye toward profits more than criminal justice. Contributors analyze the exploitation of prison labor to support the military and the effect on free-market interests. Beyond the economics, contributors examine the "commodification" of prison culture, including the influence on hip-hop music and linkages between faith-based programs and prison privatization. This is an important analysis of a troubling social trend that has not been widely publicized. --Vernon Ford "Lucid, eye-opening." #8212Publishers Weekly "No country in history has ever handed over so many inmates to private corporations. This book looks at the consequences." #8212Eric Schlosser, bestselling author of *Fast Food Nation* "Impressive. . . . A thoughtful, comprehensive and accessible analysis of the money trail behind the prison-industrial complex." #8212Blackcommentator.com