

Additional Reading on Prisons

[Let The Crops Rot in the Fields](#), by the Free Alabama Movement.
Foundational text of the September 9, 2016 strike.

[“My Four Months as a Private Prison Guard”](#) by Shane Bauer.
Bauer went undercover in Winnfield, Louisiana, providing incredibly brave insight into the other world of workers who help keep prisons running—prison guards.

[Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California](#), by Ruth Wilson Gilmore.
A new classic in theorizing prisons from a Marxist perspective, showing how prisons aren't merely an outcome of racism, but help reproduce it as part of a political economic project.

[Resistance Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women](#), by Victoria Law.
Law documents the robust and often forgotten history of organized resistance and daily struggles of people in women's prisons.

[Dixie Be Damned: 300 Year of Insurrection in the American South](#), by Neil Shirley and Saralee Stafford.
This lively history of rebellions includes tales of Maroon communities, resistance against convict leasing, and the 1975 revolt at North Carolina Correctional Center for Women.

[Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy](#), Heather Ann Thompson.
Just released, Thompson's deft history has already received widespread attention from mainstream media for naming previously anonymous state troopers and prison guards responsible for killing inmates in this infamous standoff.