Book & Zine Catalog
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DC Books to Prisons / PO Box 34190 / Washington, DC 20043-4190 // Serves: All states. List subjects of interest and prison restrictions, if known.

NATIONAL resource GROUPS

Prison Activist Resource Center / PO Box 70447 / Oakland CA 94612 // Provides free resource guides
Bar None / PO Box 1 / Arcata, CA 95518 // Provides free resource guides

Immigrant Legal Resource Center / 1663 Mission, Suite 602 / San Francisco, CA 94103 // Resources and advocacy work. Works with INS detainees & prisoners.
National Network for Women in Prison / 74 W California Blvd / Pasadena, CA 91105 // Resources and advocacy work. Produces free newsletters written by former prisoners.
National Center on Institutions and Alternatives / 3125 Mt Vernon Ave / Alexandria, VA 22305 // Provides sentencing & parole recommendations, death penalty mitigating circumstances; jail suicide prevention.

Native American Rights Fund / 1506 Broadway / Boulder, CO 80302 // Assists Native prisoners with religious freedom issues.
Columbia University School of Law / 435 W 116th St. / New York, NY 10027 // Provides the Jailhouse Lawyers Manual for $30 to prisoners, postage included. The Immigration & Consular Access Supplement is $5. Write for an order form.

Peoples' Law Office / 1180 N Milwaukee Ave / Chicago IL 60642 // Resources for people who've been tortured, abused, wrongfully arrested, politically targeted or sentenced to death.

- On Pacifism (Derrick Jensen)
- Anarchism: What It Really Stands For (Emma Goldman)
- Notes on Anarchism (Noam Chomsky) SENDING OUT UNTIL GONE
- The New War Against Terror (Noam Chomsky, 2001) SENDING OUT UNTIL GONE

SENDING UNTIL GONE...historical Theory

Theorists listed here, like Berkman, Bakunin, Kropotkin, and Malgho, de Cleyre...are people who wrote around the turn of the 20th century. The following zines were printed in the early 2000's and are basically little dense textbooks...

- No Authority but Ourselves: Anarchist Feminist Philosophy of Autonomy and Freedom (history about feminist Volairine de Cleyre)
- Anarch Revolution and the Liberation of Women (On the Spanish Rev.)
- Sisters In Arms: Women and the Spanish Revolution
- Fighting for Women's Freedom (About the Spanish Revolution)
- Flores Magon and the EZLN // On Mexican Revolutionary F. Magon
- ABCs of Anarchism (Alexander Berkman)
- The Capitalist System (Mikhail Bakunin)
- What is Capitalism? (Scott Ritterhouse)
- What is Anarchist Communism (Toby Thrall)
- Authoritarian Conditioning, Sexual Repression and the Irrational in Politics (Britton)
- Practical Ideas for Building a Free Community
- Anarchist Agitation and Community Building
- How to Fire Your Boss: A Worker's Guide to Direct Action
- The Commune: Community Control of the Poor Community
- Anarchism and National Liberation Struggles (Alfred Bonanno)
- Power and Authority (Mikhail Bakunin)
- Marxism, Freedom and the State (Mikhail Bakunin)
- Prisons and their Moral Influence on Prisoners (Peter Kropotkin)
- Fundamental of Anarchism: What is Mutual Aid? (Peter Kropotkin)
- War! (Peter Kropotkin)
- Law and Authority (Peter Kropotkin)
- Anarchist Communism: It's Basis and Principles (Peter Kropotkin)
- The General Strike (W. Haywood on the 1848 Paris Commune & the power of unions)
- The ABC of Revolutionary Anarchism (Malgho)
- The Platform of the Distri Troupe Group (Malgho)
- Marx and Anarchism
- Radical Ecology and Class Struggle
- The Poverty of Statism: Anarchism vs Marxism (Bukharin, Fabbri, 1983)
- The Chinese Anarchist Movement
- Non-Western Anarchism: ReThinking the Global Context (Jason Adams)
- The Kronstadt Uprising of 1921 (by Ida Met, Kronstadt is in Russia)
- Bulgaria The New Spain: The Communist Terror in Bulgaria
- Cuba: Socialist Paradise or Castro's Fiefdom
- Anti-Imperialism and National Liberation
- Fighting Privatization in South Africa:
- Lessons from the Struggle Against Neoliberalism of Wit's University
Political Thought

"Black culture has always been oppositional and is all about finding ways to creatively resist oppression here, in the most racist country in the world [the United States]. So, when I speak of a Black anarchism, it is not so tied to the color of my skin but who I am as a person, as someone who can resist, who can see differently when I am stuck, and thus live differently." - Ashanti Alston

- Anarchism and the Black Revolution (2003, by Lorenzo Komboa Ervin) *
  Former Black Panther Lorenzo Komboa Ervin gives an easy to read intro to the basic principles of class struggle, anarchism and thoughts on their relevance to the black liberation movement.

- Black Anarchism (Ashanti Alston) *
  Short talk by Ashanti Alston, former Black Panther and BLA combatant.

- Trial Statement of a New Afrikan Revolutionary (Kwasi Balagoon)
  K. B. was a Black Panther, a member of the Black Liberation Army, a New Afrikan anarchist and a defendant in the Panther 21 case.

- Our Culture, Our Resistance: People of Color on Anarchism, Race, Class, and Gender (2003)

- Anarchism and Revolution in Black Africa

- Non-Western Anarchism: Rethinking the Global Context

- African Socialism: An Anarchist Critique

- Reflections on the Black Consciousness Movement and the South African Movement

- Crime: An Excerpt from the Book "Anarchy Works" (Peter Gelderloo) *
  (actually a book, we got them free from the publisher) *

- The Dragon and the Hydra:
  A Historical Study of Organizational Methods (R. "Maroon" Shoacts) *

- Koukouloufori (it's a Greek word):
  Stories, Lessons and Inspiration from the Greek Anarchist Movement *

- What is Democracy (Peter Gelderloo)
  A good read about the history and flaws of democracy

- On the Justice of Roasting Chickens (Ward Churchill) *

- Reflections on the Consequences of US Imperialism

what WE DO

We send free reading material to prisoners in Ohio.

HOW TO GET BOOKS OR ZINES

Write: RedBird Books to Prisoners/P.O. Box 10599/Columbus, OH 43201
- Include your name, number and address written CLEARLY on the ENVELOPE AND IN YOUR LETTER.

- Include limits on the number/type of books (hard/soft cover) you can receive.

- Request books by CATEGORY as listed below. Request zines by TITLE, noting their section.
  Example: "I would like a book on history (wars specifically). I'd like two zines from the health section, they are: ..."

- If you are at a reception center or are being transferred or released within three months, we will be unable to fill your request.

- Orders are mailed every 2-3 months. Request no more than 2 times a year.
  - We send out more zines than books, zines are more likely to match requests.

INFO ON BOOKS

We've got a small library full of 'em. Request books by category. We're all volunteers working with a stock of donated books so the selection is ever-changing. We do not fill requests for specific titles.

A good way to start is to choose a category like History and then narrow what you'd like down from there.

Example: "I am interested in books on History (especially about wars) but also like stuff about Politics (the more recent the better.) If you happen to have anything on Kennedy, great."

I'd also like the following zines from the Zines by and for OH Prisoners section in this catalog, they are: Criminal Law Forms and...

BOOK CATEGORIES:

- Writing/Composition

- Modern Novels

- Philosophy

- Medical / Health

- Self-Help

- Politics

- African-American Studies

- Anthropology

- Art

- Geography

- Math

- Literature (Lots of Classic Novels, Cooking, Crafts, Humor...)

WE DO NOT STOCK BIBLES and rarely if ever have almanacs, mechanical, occult or business books (including music biz), although you can always ask. We send pulp fiction when we have it and it looks like this year we have it.

INFO ON ZINES

What's a zine? A zine is a short pamphlet or book that's about 15 to 50 pages long. Anyone can write one and we have a whole section dedicated to zines written by Ohio prisoners. Zines provide a chance to study specific topics like Black Liberation or Indigenous Rebellion more broadly. Prisoners have used this resource to form study groups and organize on the inside.

Request zines by title, noting their section from the list in this catalog.

THANKS

Thanks for writing! We like freedom and hate prisons. We also like art and have a whole wall dedicated to art people have sent us. It's a source of inspiration to us all.
middle east, Palestine & Israel

Roughly 1 in 5 of the world's population is Muslim. Yet for all the talk about a global society with the internet revolution and all, what most westerners know about Islam can fit on the back of a postage stamp. So here's a crash course.

- Beyond the Undifferentiated Mass: Diversity in Islam for Absolute Beginners*
- We are all Anarchists Against the Wall: Israeli Anarchists in Solidarity with Palestine*
- Fawda: On the Situation in Palestine (fawda is the Arabic word for anarchy)
- The Origin of Israel-Palestine Conflict
- Retaliatory Strikes: A Journal through the Israel-Palestine Conflict

Struggle & popular history

"History isn't what happened, it's a story of what happened, and there are so, so many more stories than the one's we're told." - anon

- Notes on the Arab Spring*
  Essays & timelines about recent (2011-12) uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East.
- How Nonviolence Protects the State (Peter Gelderloo)*
  Great thick zine about the history of political violence and diversity of tactics as a threat to power.
- Preguntado Caminamos: (also listed in Indigenous Rebellion, published in 2006)
  A brief intro to current social movements in Mexico and the armed rebellion of the Zapatas, who say: Enough is Enough!
- 10 Days that Shook Iraq: Inside Info about an uprising. (1991)
  On the Gulf War. Plus: An interview with a veteran
- How CointelPro Helped Destroy the Movements of the '60s and The Black Panther Party*
- The Stockade Stood Burning: Struggles in the Tennessee Coal Fields*
  History of miners, strikers, scabs, unions and prison labor in the 1900's.
- No, We Can't All Just Get Along: On Hip Hop and the '92 L.A. Rebellion*
  Some say this is a bit of a better zine than Three Days That Shook the New World Order
history of revolt and identity, the co-optation of such identity through music and art, and the role of street gangs in the rebellions of the future.

-Liberation or Gangsterism (Russell "Maroon" Shoats)*
The zine focuses on the recuperative function of gangsterism within past and present-day social movements. If you work with a group that corresponds with prisoners interested in the politics and history of gangs and gang truces, this is a great resource.

-The Real Resistance to Slavery in North America (Russell "Maroon" Shoats)
Russell Maroon Shoats is a community activist, founding member of the Black Unity Council, former member of the Black Panther Party and soldier in the Black Liberation Army. He is serving multiple life sentences as a US-held prisoner of war.

A zine on health, cancer & the hood.

-J Will Not Crawl: Excerpts from Robert F. Williams on Black Struggle and Armed Self-Defense in Monroe NC*
This history zine offers a brief biography of R.F. Williams as well as a history of North Carolina's militant NAACP group which highly influenced the black power movement.

-How Fast It All Blows Up: Lessons from the 2001 Cincinnati Riots*
Three accounts/analyses of the Cincinnati Riots, from Lorenzo Komboa Ervin, Peter Hudis, and the anarchist Casteophobia Collective. A much-needed perspective, history, and corrective to the "race riot" accounts in virtually all of the media.

This zine, written by black freedom fighter and political prisoner Sundata Acolit, presents a broad and thorough overview of the various social movements, organizations, and historical trends that make up black prisoners' struggles for liberation. Acolit is incarcerated at FCI Otisville, NY.

-Black Liberation Army (BLA) Political Dictionary*
Contains definitions of things like, Capitalism, Socialism and even Truth.

-On The Black Liberation Army (Jalil Muntaqim)
Jalil Muntaqim is a political prisoner, former member of the Black Panther Party and member of the Black Liberation Army. He is currently incarcerated in Attica NY.

-Coming of Age: A New African Revolutionary (Saffiya Asya Bukhari)
Saffiya Asya Bukhari co-founded the NY Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition in '92. She served as Vice-President in the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika, an organization working to form a separate black nation in the U.S.

-On the Question of Sexism within The Black Panther Party (Saffiya Asya Bukhari)

-Sistas Speak Out: Interviews, Reflections, and Writings from the Women of the Black Panthers

-From Somewhere in the World: Assata Shakur Speaks a Message to the New African Nation
Assata Shakur is a former member of the Black Panther Party, political activist and escaped political prisoner now living in Cuba.

-John Brown (John brown was a white slavery abolitionist prior to the civil war)

Indigenous resistance
"... freedom is like the dawn. Some sleep while they wait for it, but others wake up during the night and walk in order to achieve it. I say that we, Zapistas, suffer from insomnia..." -EZLN, 1996

-Repression Breeds Resistance (2014)
G. Curry's account of the times he's fought for his life against the odrc.

-Ohio: A History, Parts 1-3 (Swain, 2012), on the state of OH and it's fiction*
-You Will Only Get My Corpses (Swain, 2013), on ongoing harassment at MNCI.
-Not Fit for Human Consumption (Swain 2012), short zine on food in OH prisons

-What "Victim Awareness" Teaches OH Prisoners:
Response to the ODRC Victim Awareness Program (Sean Swain, 2012)

-From the Volunteer Expert (Pauper's Press, 2012)
Essays on OH prisoners for OH prisoners

-Soar Your Mind Free: A Liberatory Approach to Maintaining Mental Health While Subject to Isolation in Prison (Swain, 2013)*

-Essays on a Prison Cell Wall, Books 1, 2, or 3 (2013)

-Body Blow: 10:00 Days to Awesome - A Workout Zine (L. Dillon 2013)
-Abdominal Blowout: 60 Days to Awesome - A Workout Zine (L. Dillon 2013)

-Neolithic Indigenousism: A Revolution of Mind, Body and Spirit (I. Mayo), on religion

-The Book of Elijah, Annotated Version, Translated from Original Texts
This zine couplies in subject with Neolithic Indigenousism. It's on religion.

-The Injustice of Solitary (Jim Reagan & Pauper's Press, 2012)
This article originally appeared in The Catholic Worker newspaper. It's on the CA prisoner hunger strikes, solitary and the SHU.

--Tree Bark and Stone:
Reclaiming the Knowledge of the Ancestors (D.M. Salerno, 2013)
A booklet on survival knowledge and life in concert with nature.

-Legacy: On Marion OH, it's history and the prison there. (Pauper's Press)
An excerpt from Neural Linguistic Programming: How to tell if someone is lying (Pauper's Press)

-An excerpt from Psychology of Self-Esteem:
Psychological concepts that apply to everyday life. (Pauper's Press)

-Application of Anarchist Theory to the Modern Day Prison Struggle (Swain, '07)

-The 8 and 1/2 Laws of How Rumors Spread (Pauper's Press)

-Down: Reflections on Prison Resistance in Indiana

broader Prisoner Issues & Authors
Two and a half million people are in prison in the US, that's more than the active US military. The "land of the free" incarcerates more people than any other country in the world.

-Race Treason Behind Prison Walls (Lorenzo Komboa Ervin)*
This zine was written by ex-Black Panther Lorenzo Ervin about his experiences behind bars. It is an excellent piece on the role of race as both a dividing and uniting factor in prison struggles.

-World Behind Bars: The Expansion of the American Prison Cell*
This is a fantastic introduction to the role prison plays in society.

-3 Positions Against Prison*
A brief but thorough criticism of contemporary political prisoner support and prison abolitionist movements.
gender, feminism & Sexuality

"Feminism is the radical notion that women are human."

- John, Memoir from Chicago's Clandestine Abortion Service
- Tense: A Zine of art and writing by Women in Prison
  Tense has been published regularly for over 5 years. We try to shock the most recent copy. Compiled by Victoria Law, contributions welcome.
- Invisibility of Women Prisoner Resistance (Victoria Law)
- On Women and Violence (two essays)
  Article one, "Justice is a Woman with a Sword," is about pacifism and 2nd wave feminism.
  Article two, "From Abolition to Action," Viktor Lauser draws out recent trends in women's and community self-defense efforts from a prison abolitionist perspective.
- Understanding Patriarchy (bell hooks)
  bell hooks is an academic and activist; she writes on Politics, Race & Gender with a welcome attitude.
- Dykes and Fags Want to Know
  Interviews with LGBT prisoners Linda Evans, Laura Whitehorn, and Susan Rosenberg
- Witches, Nurses and Midwives
  Barbra Erenreich & Deirdre English, 1973
  A History of Women Healers from the Dark Ages to Modern Times.
- Take Back Your Life: A Woman's Guide to Alternative Health
- Women's Self-Defense
- Silence Equals Death (Overground Distro)
  Info and essays on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, 45 pages
- Sex and Work (Silvia Federici & Laura Agustin)
  This zine is two articles, one by Federici from 1975 and one recent piece by Agustin (late 1990's?)
- The Anti-Exploits of Men Against Sexism (on Ed Mead, ex-political prisoner)
  Mead was incarcerated for his part in the G. J. Brigade."This zine is about a group of fierce queers and trannies who organized against rape and sex slavery within the Walla Walla prison.
- Men Can Stop Rape (articles taken from other sources and compiled together)

black & brown Liberation

"It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love and protect each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains," said Assata Shakur

- Race and Border: The Two Headed Ogre of White Supremacy
- What Better Time Than Now?...Notes on Unity and Consciousness in US cities and Prisons
  This is a new piece of prisoner's writing on unity, trace efforts, and political consciousness in US gangs. It presents a bunch of topics like what the original point of gangs was, their