# SUGGESTED READINGS FOR A PRISON AND SOCIETY COURSE

- *Grace Goes to Prison* by Melanie Snyder
- *Life After Murder* by Nancy Mullane
- *Inside Rikers* by Jennifer Wynn
- *Disrupted Childhoods: Children of Women in Prison* by Jane Siegel
- *The Ex-Prisoner's Dilemma: How Women Negotiate Competing Narratives of Reentry and Desistance* by Andrea Leverentz
- *Doing Time Together: Love and Family in the Shadow of the Prison* by Megan Comfort
- *On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City* by Alice Goffman
- *Children of the Prison Boom: Mass Incarceration and the Future of American Inequality* by Sara Wakefield and Christopher Wildeman
- *When Prisoners Come Home: Parole and Prisoner Reentry* by Joan Petersillia
- *Doing Time on the Outside: Incarceration and Family Life in Urban America* by Donald Braman
- *Imprisoning Communities: How Mass Incarceration Makes Disadvantaged Neighborhoods Worse* by Todd Clear
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Megan Comfort's book *Doing Time Together* is absolutely fantastic in this regard. It is truly an amazing book! Also you might be interested in Armando Lana Millan's recent ASR piece on how the carceral state impacts the delivery of medical services - even to those who have had no contact with the criminal justice system.

Comfort, Megan. *Doing Time Together: Love and Family in the Shadow of the Prison* — women who maintain relationships with long-term prisoners, and how they experience "secondary prisonization" as a result.

It's a bit old, but I really enjoy *Doing Time on the Outside*. It's an ethnographic look at the impact of imprisonment on children of incarcerated parents.

I recommend Megan Comfort's book for a family perspective and Alice Goffman's book for a community perspective.