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A compelling look at the crisis of disadvantaged women. This powerful document takes a sobering look at the phenomenon of marginalized women pushed to the edges of society, holding on with the barest of hope and extraordinary bravery. Handicapped by the increasing societal inequality they face as an everyday fact of life, these women (and in many cases, their children) have been disconnected from the mainstream for reasons of age, race, gender, health, incarceration, domestic abuse, unwanted pregnancy, unemployment, and economic circumstance. They are poor in an affluent society, powerless in a powerful nation, and the suffering caused by their exclusion is poignant and troubling. Eloquently illustrated with poetry, art, and prose created by marginalized women, *Women at the Margins: Neglect, Punishment, and Resistance* makes a compelling argument for social change. The book offers a no-holds-barred look at how economic restructuring, welfare reform, neo-conservative ideology, and institutional exclusion have locked women into subservient, substandard roles, stripping them of their citizenship and rendering them expendable. Diverse authors track the life cycle of marginalized women, from teenage pregnancy to the loneliness of older women in poverty or prison. *Women at the Margins: Neglect, Punishment, and Resistance* addresses:

- the effects of welfare reform
- the forgotten group: women in prison and jail
- low-income women and housing
- women marginalized by substance abuse, poverty, and incarceration
- teenage pregnancy
- children and their incarcerated mothers
- recidivism and reintegration
- women, law, and the justice system
- and much more! *Women at the Margins: Neglect, Punishment, and Resistance* acknowledges the long history of the inequality faced by women living in exclusion but focuses on the present with a hopeful but realistic eye toward the future. It is an indispensable resource for sociology, social work, legal and penal system professionals, and academics, and an essential read for everyone.



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