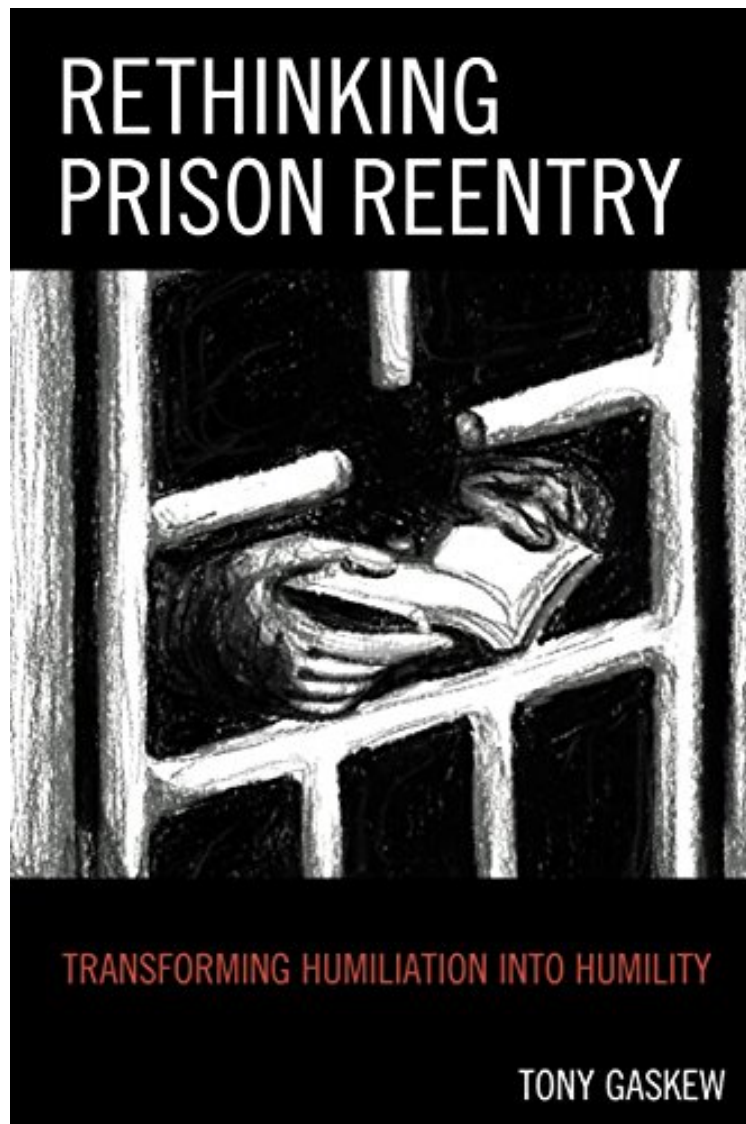


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**Tony Gaskew : Rethinking Prison Reentry: Transforming Humiliation into Humility** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rethinking Prison Reentry: Transforming Humiliation into Humility:

Rethinking Prison Reentry: Transforming Humiliation into Humility describes a prison-based education pedagogy designed to address a prevalent racial politics of shaming, self-segregation, and transgenerational learned helplessness. So many incarcerated black men face insurmountable psychosocial obstacles when attempting to make the successful transition back into ownership of their lives. Tony Gaskew confronts the issue of redemption and reconciliation head-on by critically examining the “triads of culpability” when it comes to crime and justice in America: (1) of those who commit crimes; (2) of those who enforce criminal laws; and (3) of those who stand by and do nothing. He explores the growth of a black counterculture of crime that has created modern-day killing fields across urban neighborhoods and challenges the incarcerated black men trapped within its socially constructed lies, helping them to draw upon the strength of their cultural privilege to transform from criminal offender into incarcerated student.

Tony Gaskew's new research is a carefully crafted study of the role of the prison industry and the intergenerational destruction it has wrought upon people of color in the United States. It is a must read for those interested in social justice, peacebuilding, criminal justice, and African American studies. (Sean Byrne, University of Manitoba) Rethinking Prison Reentry provides an insightful, introspective, sensitive, but powerful statement about the importance of redemption for incarcerated black students and youth. This work should be, without question, a required reading for all those interested in a more proactive approach to the criminal justice system, race and ethnic relations, and the overarching impact on the black community within American society. (Tina Jaeckle, Flagler College) This is a very powerful, well-researched book on issues we know far too little about or choose intentionally to ignore. Gaskew takes the reader through the corrections system using the multiple lenses of his vast experience in law enforcement and as scholar and teacher, and his own lived experience as a black man in America. This book connects the dots in new ways, and is easy to read and refreshingly candid. This book will also challenge the reader to examine and re-examine some deeply held beliefs and myths about our criminal justice system, the role of corrections, and our notions of race and justice. Gaskew does not stop at a critique, but powerfully presents and argues for the ways in which our corrections system can offer new hope and opportunities for redemption and transformation to us all. (Judith McKay, Nova Southeastern University) 'Black bodies, white justice' is just one proposition calling for rethinking raised in this provocative book. Prior to his academic career, Gaskew was a detective with the Melbourne (Florida) Police Department, where he became a member of Florida's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. Since 2007, he has taught prisoners at McKean Federal Correctional Institution. From this experience the author has evolved a passionate, highly personal critique drawn from his life experiences. The author's argument might be summarized as follows: whites are numerically the greatest criminal offenders, whereas blacks disproportionately offend and are incarcerated. Black crime causation initially stems from slavery, then from Jim Crow policies, and most recently from racism, thanks to white privilege. Persistent white supremacy keeps prisons full of black bodies. But Gaskew, who is African American, has plenty of sharp words for his own race. Many black convicts are narcissistic and show scant regard for their communities and children left behind. Black cultural privilege is a pedagogical resource that, once fully understood, can redirect lives. This is a timely, fact-filled stem-winder. Summing Up: Essential. Upper-division undergraduates, graduate students, professionals. (CHOICE) About the Author Tony Gaskew is associate professor of criminal justice and director of the Criminal Justice Program at the University of Pittsburgh, Bradford.