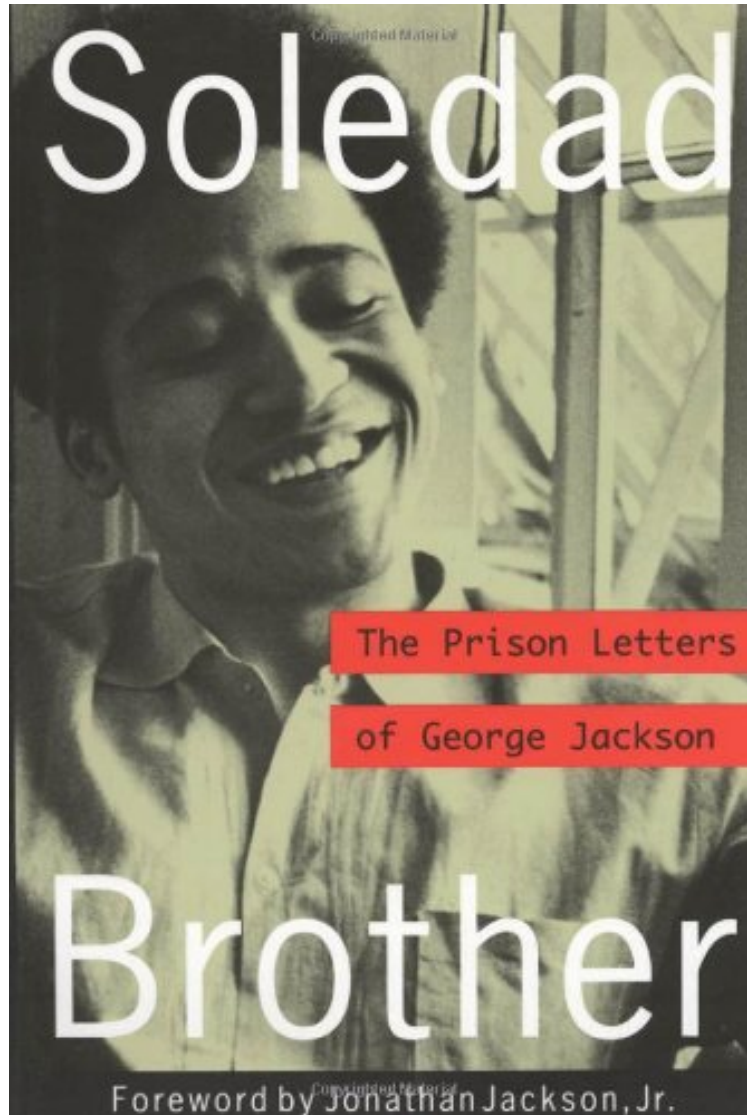


## Soledad Brother: The Prison Letters of George Jackson

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**George Jackson : Soledad Brother: The Prison Letters of George Jackson** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Soledad Brother: The Prison Letters of George Jackson:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read for young men 14 and older! By FMConnect I enjoyed reading these letters George Jackson wrote to various family members, friends and the people who tried to help him get out of prison. He couldn't give "detailed accounts" of what was going on, but you can imagine from some of the things he was able to write about, what he and others were going through. It's unfortunate that they never proved him guilty of the money theft, and so very unfortunate that he was given one year to "life" for stealing! As he clearly states, so

many brothers were in jail during that time who, initially were "not guilty", but by the time a parole came up, he was guilty of "something" that was brought on by mere survival in prison. All the disappointments he went through with every parole hearing denials, lies and manipulations! Had I not read the book on the life of Angela Davis first, I would have been hopeful he was going to get out of prison while reading, "they said If I don't get in any trouble in six months (3 months, a year), I can have a parole hearing", only to be disappointed to read there was a new panel and they made no such promises were made or they did something to provoke him so he WOULD get in trouble and his hearing was denied. I recommend this reading to as many young men should starting at the age of 14 - give them a BETTER perspective on what it's like to be in prison and hopefully deter them from going down that path!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. It is a great work of transformation and liberation for an individual who ...By Brian CorpeningSoledad Brother is classic. It is a great work of transformation and liberation for an individual who spent the majority of his life in prison. In the end Jackson used his transformation to free himself from the physical imprisonment he had encountered. Although murder by those whose imprisoned him, Soledad Brother is Jackson's enduring legacy to freedom through enlightenment and true education.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. As expected!By CustomerAs expected!

A collection of Jackson's letters from prison, Soledad Brother is an outspoken condemnation of the racism of white America and a powerful appraisal of the prison system that failed to break his spirit but eventually took his life. Jackson's letters make palpable the intense feelings of anger and rebellion that filled black men in America's prisons in the 1960s. But even removed from the social and political firestorms of the 1960s, Jackson's story still resonates for its portrait of a man taking a stand even while locked down.

From Library JournalJackson gained notoriety shortly before his death in 1970 when his younger brother unsuccessfully tried to free him at gunpoint when Jackson and two others were on trial for killing a guard. Written between 1964 and 1970 while serving time in Soledad Prison for robbery, the letters reveal the brutality and racism faced by prisoners and call for unity among African Americans. This edition contains a new foreword by Jackson's nephew Jonathan. Soledad Brother remains "recommended for most libraries" (LJ 12/15/70) and is a solid title for Black History Month in February. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.