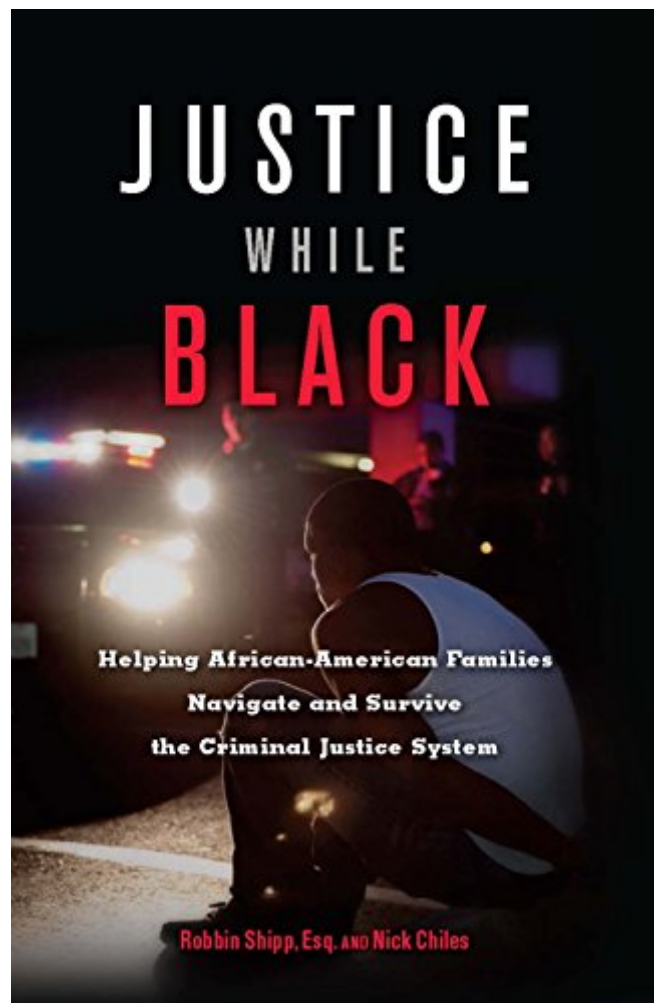


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Justice While Black: Helping African-American Families Navigate And Survive The Criminal Justice System



Synopsis

Justice While Black is a must-read for every young black male in America—and for everyone else who cares about their survival and well-being. This is a first-of-its-kind essential guide for African-American families about how to understand the criminal justice system, and about why that system continues to see black men as targets—and as dollar signs. The book provides practical, straightforward advice on how to deal with specific legal situations: the threat of arrest, being arrested, being in custody, preparing for and undergoing a trial, and navigating the appeals and parole process. The primary goal of this book is to become a primer for African Americans on how to avoid becoming ensnared in the criminal justice system. While the precarious safety of black males has received renewed interest in the past year because of the deaths of teenagers Trayvon Martin and Jordan Davis, the fact is that this group has always been under threat from the armed guardians of the white social order. The tactics have been modernized, but the impact is still devastating—we are witnessing an epic criminalization of the African-American community at levels never before seen since the end of slavery.

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Customer Reviews

I just finished reading Justice While Black yesterday. Wish this book was available 5 years ago. JWB presents a practical approach to what you should and should not do when engaging law enforcement (i.e., what to say/not say, understanding your basic rights, etc.). Given the times in which we currently live, where the killing of unarmed black men appears increasingly more frequent in the headlines, this should be a required reading for EVERY church and community youth group in this country. Sad but true...

I saw the author on BookTV, presenting results of her research into the origins of the justice system in the USA, and purchased the book. I found it interesting to see the extent to which policing was constructed to control black people on slave plantations. For several years I had been fascinated by the numerous law and order, crime investigation dramas and had become fairly familiar with law enforcement jargon, but I learned through the Shipp book that the most popular terms came out of tactics the controllers used for keeping the slaves on the plantations and for retrieving those who left (ran away). For example, surveillance started as a way to find out what slaves were planning.

Reading "A Death in Canaan" in the 1970s raised in me a long lasting fear for my children and for all teens and their treatment by the justice system. Now in 2014, along comes Robbin Shipp writing about her experience defending black teens today in GA. I am sorry there is a need for this book and I recommend it as a handbook for black teens and their parents and all who would like a glimpse into the current day "feeding" system of justice.

This is a book that every mother, father, grandfather, grandmother and guardian of a Black child and especially a Black Male should read and impart to their charges. Our great grands used to teach us how to approach and interact with Whites. If you saw the movie the Help; as Minnie as sending her daughter off to work for the first time she gives her strict instructions on protocol in dealing with Whites. At one time that was standard operating procedure for ever Black child especially those raised in the south. Unfortunately we have to sit our Black children down and provide a strict protocol on how to interact with the police. This is to insure first of all that they come home safe, and second that they do or say nothing to incriminate or indict themselves. Please give this book to some Black youth(s) in your life it could save their life.

This book is just AWESOME and is a guide for anyone who needs to know their RIGHT's especially a person of color! It will help you to understand what are the DO's and DON'Ts of what the police or

law enforcement should be doing or not doing! I am thankful to God that a book like this even exists!

This book does an excellent job at examining the history of African-Americans and law enforcement. Reading this book has been an enlightening experience, offering real advice and guidelines for dealing with traffic stops and even being stopped on foot. I'm sure this book will not only save lives but some careers as well.

This book is timely and timeless. The practical advice that Attorney Shipp gives based on her years of experiences with African Americans in the justice system is invaluable. She gives straightforward advice that can save families heartache, money, and time. The book is well written and not so full of legal"ese" that it is too hard to comprehend and absorb. This book should be required reading for anyone who is worried about getting "Justice While Black." It should be a coffee table book that is discussed by families as well as in social settings. I believe that this book will become a classic and I am definitely looking forward to a followup.

Reminds me of another book which digs a bit deeper into how the whole systems works especially from the standpoint of the Prosecutor's Office - Arbitrary Justice. This book does give guidance on how you should handle the whole cluster of being mixed up in the Criminal Justice System.

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