

# Black Women's Experiences of Criminal Justice

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A DISCOURSE ON DISADVANTAGE

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*Black Women's Experiences of Criminal Justice* was first published in 1997 and has been reprinted several times in response to popular demand. It deals with the multiple hazards of discrimination—on the basis of **race, gender and class**—faced by black women who come into contact with the criminal justice process of England and Wales. This **updated** and **revised** version includes information about developments since that time. The book includes first-hand accounts by black women prisoners concerning their treatment by and impressions of the English criminal process. The text has become key reading for practitioners and students alike.

**Ruth Chigwada-Bailey** is a freelance consultant criminologist and is well-known in the United Kingdom and abroad as a commentator and writer on issues affecting black women, notably in relation to criminal justice. Five years after writing the first edition of this book, she remains of the view that if the interaction of **race, gender, class and criminal justice** is to be taken seriously there remains a need not simply for relevant information and understanding but to 'make things happen'.

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