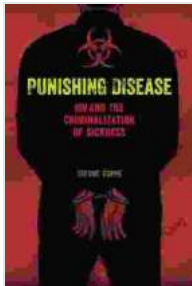


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In the United States, people living with HIV can face criminal charges for behaviors that do not pose a risk to others, such as failing to disclose their HIV status to a sexual partner or sharing needles with someone else.

These laws are based on the outdated and inaccurate belief that HIV is easily transmitted through casual contact. As a result, people living with HIV are often stigmatized, discriminated against, and even criminalized.

In her groundbreaking book, *Punishing Disease: HIV and the Criminalization of Sickness*, Michelle A. Williams exposes the devastating impact of HIV criminalization. She argues that these laws are not only ineffective in preventing the spread of HIV, but they also perpetuate stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV.

Williams draws on extensive research and interviews with people living with HIV to show how criminalization has led to:

- Increased fear and isolation among people living with HIV
- Reduced access to healthcare and other essential services
- Increased risk of violence and abuse
- Mass incarceration of people living with HIV

Williams argues that HIV criminalization is a form of structural violence that perpetuates the cycle of poverty, discrimination, and ill health for people living with HIV. She calls for the repeal of all HIV criminalization laws and the implementation of policies that support and empower people living with HIV.

*Punishing Disease: HIV and the Criminalization of Sickness* is a powerful and necessary book that challenges the criminalization of HIV and calls for a more just and compassionate approach to the epidemic.

## **Reviews**

“A groundbreaking book that exposes the devastating impact of HIV criminalization. Williams’s work is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the intersection of health, law, and social justice.”

—**Ruth Wilson Gilmore**, author of *Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California*

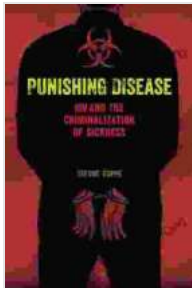
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—**DeRay Mckesson**, civil rights activist and co-founder of Campaign Zero

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—**Chelsea Clinton**, author of *She Persisted*



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