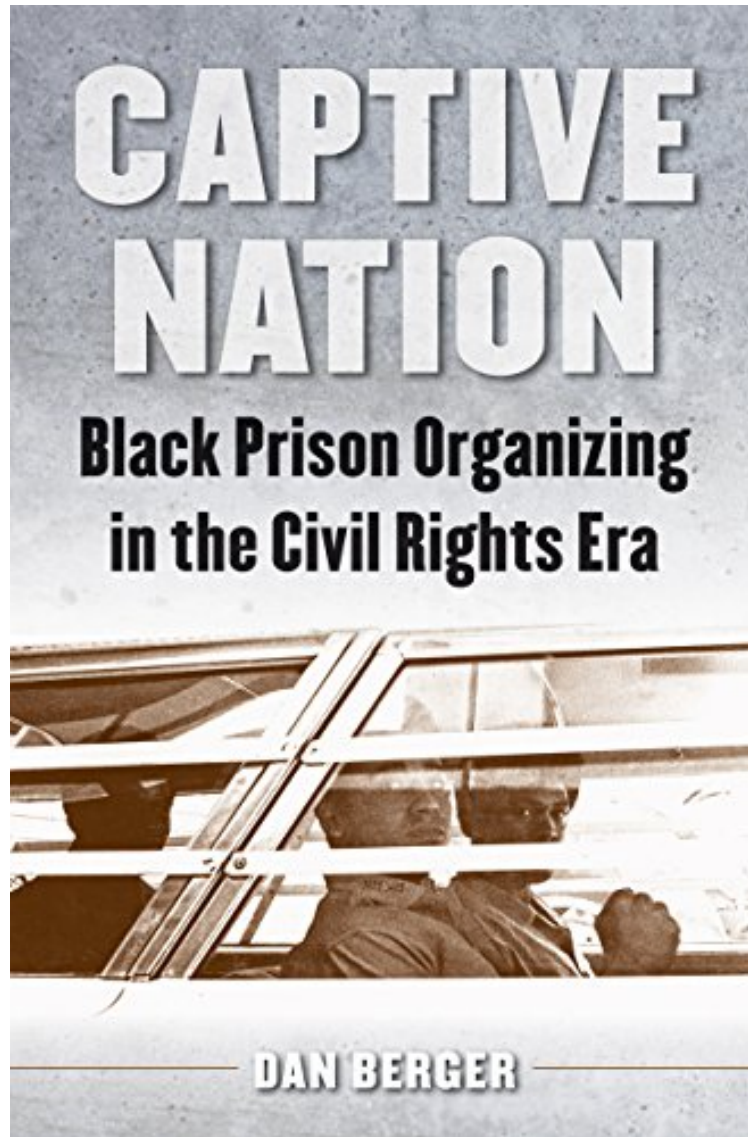


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In this pathbreaking book, Dan Berger offers a bold reconsideration of twentieth century black activism, the prison system, and the origins of mass incarceration. Throughout the civil rights era, black activists thrust the prison into public view, turning prisoners into symbols of racial oppression while arguing that confinement was an inescapable part of black life in the United States. Black prisoners became global political icons at a time when notions of race and nation were in flux. Showing that the prison was a central focus of the black radical imagination from the 1950s through the 1980s, Berger traces the dynamic and dramatic history of this political struggle. The prison shaped the rise and spread of black activism, from civil rights demonstrators willfully risking arrests to the many current and former prisoners that built or joined organizations such as the Black Panther Party. Grounded in extensive research, Berger engagingly demonstrates that such organizing made prison walls porous and influenced generations of activists that followed.

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largely untapped reservoirs of politics and culture.' *Captive Nation* is a rich and systematic account of an inadequately understood front of the civil rights struggle: black prison organizers. Their theoretical and practical insights and activities shaped and were shaped by movement in the so-called free world against the giant triplets of racism, capitalism, and militarism. Berger leaves us with pressing questions for the United States now, where incarceration is far more intensive and extensive than at any time in history or anywhere on the planet.--Ruth Wilson Gilmore, author of *Golden Gulag: Prisons, Surplus, Crisis, and Opposition in Globalizing California*In this richly documented and powerfully told history, Dan Berger reveals how the seeds of mass incarceration were sown inside a larger war on black liberation movements.--Robin D. G. Kelley, author of *Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination*About the AuthorDan Berger is assistant professor of comparative ethnic studies at the University of Washington Bothell.