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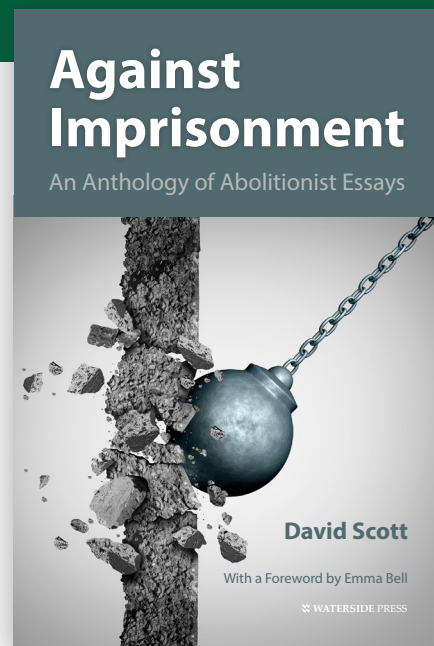
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A collection of writings by Dr David Scott which build on his work teaching criminology for over 20 years. *Against Imprisonment* includes topics such as 'The Changing Face of the Prison', justifications of punishment, prison violence and the shortcomings of prisons and mega-prisons.

Very much against the current political obsession with increasing incarceration this book is a wake-up call for all those who feel the use of imprisonment is failing to achieve a reduction in crime.

### Key Selling Points

- Provides a compelling analysis of the failings of imprisonment.
- Sheds new light on this pressing topic.
- Explains why prisons do not work for most offenders.

### From the Foreword

'Scott systematically dismantles widely-accepted justifications for punishment on ethical, political, philosophical and practical grounds, forcefully demonstrating that the only clear purpose of imprisonment is the infliction of pain and suffering on all those who come into contact with the prison

place, whether as detainees or staff. He provides us with fascinating glimpses ... into what he describes as "modern-day cathedrals of pain". Turning the utopian myth that "prison works" on its head, he invites us to imagine "real utopian" non-penal alternatives to punishment that respect human dignity and deliver genuine social justice.'— *Emma Bell*

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