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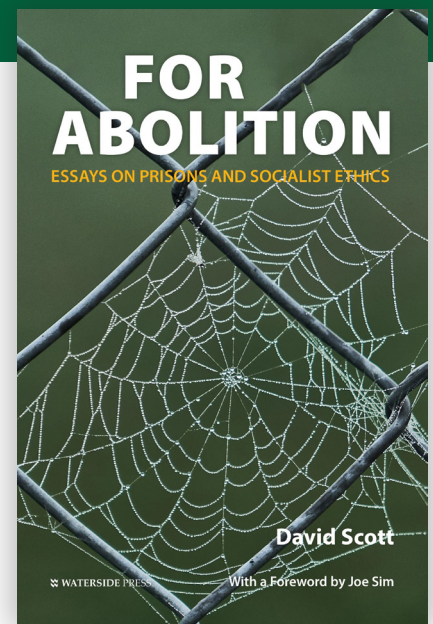
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According to Jonathan Swift (1667-1745) 'Laws are like cobwebs, which may catch small flies, but let wasps and hornets break through.' Connecting the politics of abolition to wider emancipatory struggles for liberation and social justice, this book argues that penal abolitionism should be understood as an important public critical pedagogy and philosophy of hope that can help to reinvigorate democracy and set society on a pathway towards living in a world without prisons.

For Abolition draws upon the socialist ethics of dignity, empathy, freedom and paradigm of life to systematically critique imprisonment as a state institution characterised by 'social death'.

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Dr David Scott works at the Open University. He has published widely on prisons and punishment. His books include *Why Prison?* (2013, Cambridge University Press), *Against Imprisonment* (2018, Waterside Press) and the *International Handbook of Penal Abolition* (2020, Routledge).



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