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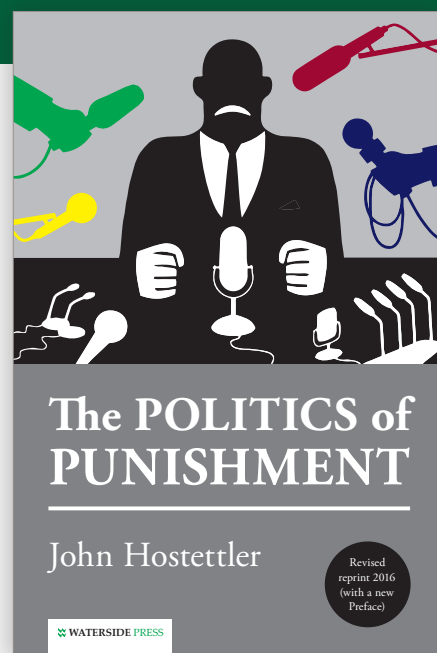
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## Advance Information

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<b>Category</b>	Legal History, Biography, Crime and Punishment, Social History.
<b>Subjects</b>	LAZ=Legal history; JKVP=Penology and punishment.
<b>Who will buy it?</b>	lawyers, historians, criminal justice practitioners, politicians, penal reformers, students and librarians.



This re-issue with a new *Preface* of a classic work by John Hostettler looks at the political and other social dynamics behind law, order and punishment. A timeless work by one of the UK's leading commentators and now with pointers to key developments in penal politics of the last 20 years.

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### Reviews of the first edition

'This splendid book ... reveals in all its starkness the close connexion between the inhumanities of punishment and the political interests of the State'—*Justice of the Peace*.

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- **A classic work and a collector's item.**
- **Looks at the genesis and purposes of punishment.**
- **Shows how punishment, power differences, social control and (sometimes suspect) economics and politics have always been intertwined.**
- **A must for practitioners and students in this field.**

### Author

John Hostettler has written various legal and historical works. He was a solicitor for 35 years including re political and civil liberties cases. His other books include: *Dissenters, Radicals and Blasphemers: The Flame of Revolt that Shines Through English History* (2012); *Champions of the Rule of Law* (2011); *Sir William Garrow: His Life Times and Fight for Justice* (2010) (with Richard Braby) and *Twenty Famous Lawyers* (2013).

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