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With wit and tenacity, Nancy Campbell uncovers the surprisingly long historical road of drug policy leading directly to the racialized profile and exploding numbers of today's population of incarcerated women. *Using Women* powerfully demonstrates how to engage in public policy debates without remaining captive to the governing mentalities that shape the neoliberal state.

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