

# Federal Bar Association Book Club

*Building Relationships Between the Bench and the Bar*  
*Book Discussion*

## *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration*

### *in the Age of Colorblindness*

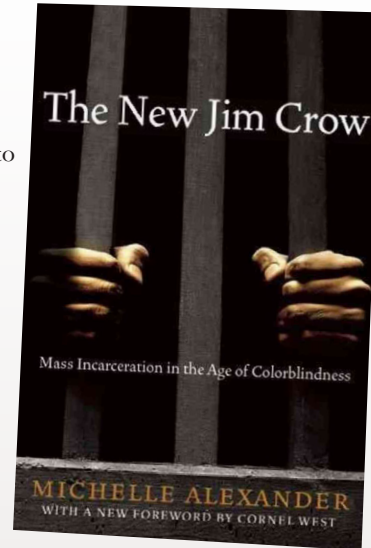
by *Michelle Alexander*



“[An] instant classic. . . The New Jim Crow is a grand wake-up call in the midst of a long slumber of indifference to the poor and vulnerable.” —**Cornel West, philosopher and social activist**

“Now and then a book comes along that might in time touch the public and educate social commentators, policymakers, and politicians about a glaring wrong that we have been living with that we also somehow don’t know how to face. The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander is such a work. . . Alexander considers the evidence and concludes that our prison system is a unique form of social control, much like slavery and Jim Crow, the systems it has replaced. . . [She] is not the first to offer this bitter analysis, but The New Jim Crow is striking in the intelligence of her ideas, her powers of summary, and the force of her writing. Her tone is disarming throughout; she speaks as a concerned citizen, not as an expert, though she is one. She can make the abstract concrete, as J. Saunders Redding once said in praise of W.E.B. Du Bois, and Alexander deserves to be compared to Du Bois in her ability to distill and lay out as mighty human drama a complex argument and history.”—**The New York Review of Books, March 2011**

“Alexander is absolutely right to fight for what she describes as a ‘much needed conversation’ about the wide-ranging social costs and divisive racial impact of our criminal justice policies.” —**Newsweek**



This book is available for purchase at all bookstores, [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com).  
All points of view will be welcomed and respected at the Book Club session.

## December 8, 2016 at 12:00 noon

No charge to FBA members; \$5 per session to non-members.  
Lunch will be offered for \$10 or bring your own.

**Theodore Levin United States Courthouse**  
231 W. Lafayette, Detroit, MI 48226-2788  
Judges’ Conference Center, Room 722

To participate in the FBA Book Club, please register online at [www.fbamich.org](http://www.fbamich.org) or contact Brian D. Figot, Executive Director, Chapter Office at 248.594.5950 or [fbamich@fbamich.org](mailto:fbamich@fbamich.org).

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About the Club: The primary goal of the Federal Bar Association Book Club is to facilitate an informal but elevated dialogue between the bench and the bar. The book club is non-partisan.

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