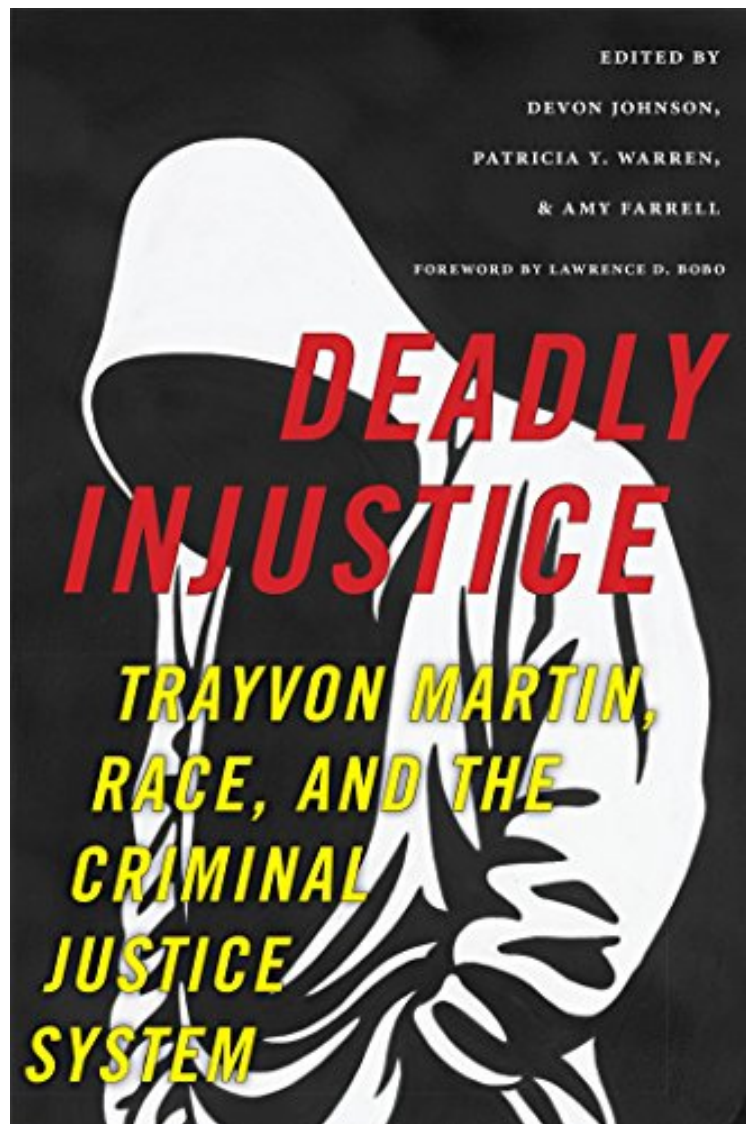


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The murder of unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin and the subsequent trial and acquittal of his assailant, George Zimmerman, sparked a passionate national debate about race and criminal justice in America that involved everyone from bloggers to mayoral candidates to President Obama himself. With increased attention to these causes, from St. Louis to Los Angeles, intense outrage at New York City's Stop and Frisk program and escalating anger over the effect of mass incarceration on the nation's African American community, the Trayvon Martin case brought the racialized nature of the American justice system to the forefront of our national consciousness. *Deadly Injustice* uses the Martin/Zimmerman case as a springboard to examine race, crime, and justice in our current criminal justice system.

"This book provides a powerful and timely review of the need to see the connection between race, death, and injustice in America. It is time for us to have this much-needed conversation, which will help us, as a community, understand that far too many children are dying from the hands of assailants. We need to focus on life, rather than death, for our children."-Charles J. Ogletree, Jr., Jesse Climenko Professor of Law at Harvard Law School
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