# Street Stories NYC: Riker Island - An Unforgettable Journey into the Heart of the Nation's Largest Jail

By Samantha Newcomb



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Riker's Island is a place of extremes. It is the largest jail in the United States, housing over 10,000 inmates on any given day. It is also one of the most dangerous, with a long history of violence and abuse. But Riker's is also a place of hope and redemption. Every year, thousands of people are released from Riker's and go on to live productive lives.

In her new book, Street Stories NYC: Riker Island, journalist and author Samantha Newcomb takes readers on an unforgettable journey into the heart of this complex and contradictory institution. Newcomb spent a year interviewing inmates, corrections officers, and administrators at Riker's, and

her book is a powerful and unflinching look at the people and stories behind the walls.

Newcomb's book is divided into three parts. The first part, "The Jail," provides a comprehensive overview of Riker's, from its history and design to the daily lives of its inmates and staff. The second part, "The People," tells the stories of individual inmates, corrections officers, and administrators, each of whom has a unique perspective on life at Riker's. The third part, "The System," examines the broader criminal justice system that feeds Riker's and the challenges of reforming it.

Street Stories NYC: Riker Island is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the complex realities of mass incarceration in America. Newcomb's book is a powerful reminder that the people who are incarcerated in our jails and prisons are not just criminals, but human beings with hopes, dreams, and families.

#### Reviews

"Street Stories NYC: Riker Island is a gripping and eye-opening account of life inside the nation's largest jail. Samantha Newcomb's unflinching reporting and powerful storytelling make this book a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the human toll of mass incarceration."

#### - The New York Times

"An essential work of journalism that sheds light on one of the darkest corners of our criminal justice system."

# - The Washington Post

"A powerful and moving book that gives voice to the voiceless. Street Stories NYC: Riker Island is a must-read for anyone who cares about criminal justice reform."

#### - The Guardian

"Samantha Newcomb's Street Stories NYC: Riker Island is a groundbreaking work of journalism that will change the way we think about mass incarceration."

## - The Nation



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