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(*American Journal Of Sociology / AJS* 2011-05-04)

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(*British Jrnl Of Sociology* 2012-12-18)

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"*Offending Women* is an exemplary piece of work. Haney's writing is engaging, crisp, and smart. She brilliantly assesses the various intentions of the state and incarcerated women and clarifies how these intentions are based on orientations toward punishment and 'healing' that demand fundamental rethinking."—Rickie Solinger, author of *Pregnancy and Power* and co-editor of *Interrupted Life: Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States*

"Lynne Haney brings together her stupendous skills as an ethnographer and her theoretical insights into how states work to explain how the treatment of imprisoned women has changed over the past decade. An altogether brilliant book."—Myra Marx Ferree, University of Wisconsin

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