



Resources: Web Sites

Wrongful Convictions

Faces of Wrongful Conviction
Innocence Project
Life After Exoneration Program

www.stopwrongfulconvictions.org
www.innocenceproject.org
www.exonerated.org

Death Penalty

ACLU of Northern California
Amnesty International
Death Penalty Focus
Death Penalty Information Center

www.aclunc.org/deathpenalty
www.amnestyusa.org/abolish
www.deathpenalty.org
www.deathpenaltyinfo.org

Murder Victims' Families

Journey of Hope
Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights
Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation

www.journeyofhope.org
www.murdervictimsfamilies.org
www.mvfr.org

Religious

California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty
Catholics Against Capital Punishment
Progressive Jewish Alliance
Religious Organizing Against the Death Penalty

www.californiapeopleoffaith.org
www.cacp.org
www.pjalliance.org
www.deathpenaltyreligious.org

Resources: Books

Wrongful Convictions

Dwyer, Jim, Peter Neufeld, and Barry Scheck. **Actual Innocence: Five Days to Execution and Other Dispatches from the Wrongly Convicted.** Doubleday, 2000. Scheck, Neufeld, and Dwyer tell the stories of 10 of the men they have helped through the Innocence Project. They describe how these men wound up in prison - some on death row - for crimes they didn't commit.

Eggers, Dave, and Lola Vollen. **Surviving Justice: America's Wrongfully Convicted and Exonerated.** In this book, 13 exonerees describe their experiences—the events that led to their convictions, their years in prison, and the challenges facing them as they embark on their new lives outside.



Prejean, Helen. **Death of Innocents**. Random House, 2004. Sister Helen Prejean takes the reader on a spiritual journey as she accompanies two potentially innocent people to their executions. Prejean also shows how race, prosecutorial ambition, poverty, and election cycles play far too great a role in determining who lives and who dies.

Death Penalty

Prejean, Helen. **Dead Man Walking**. Random House, New York, 1993. A Catholic nun's impassioned memoir of her friendship with two death-row inmates, coupled with a plea for the abolition of capital punishment.

Turow, Scott. **Ultimate Punishment: A Lawyer's Reflections on Dealing with the Death Penalty**. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2003. For years, attorney and novelist Scott Turow was ambivalent towards the death penalty. His position changed, however, after he served on the blue-ribbon commission assembled by the former Governor of Illinois, George Ryan, which examined the flaws in the capital punishment system. In this book, Turow presents the arguments that swayed him in favor of abolition.

Understanding Capital Punishment: A Guide Through the Death Penalty Debate. Death Penalty Information Center, 2003. This guide is an excellent tool for those who speak, write, teach, organize, or want to learn more about the death penalty. To order copies of this user-friendly resource, contact DPIC at www.deathpenaltyinfo.org.

Murder Victims' Families

Ackler, James R. and David Reed Karp. **Wounds That Do Not Bind: Victim-based Perspectives on the Death Penalty**. Carolina Academic Press, 2006. Personal stories and legal issues are presented in this book that helps the reader to understand the emotional and personal experiences that the system requires victims' family members and victims' advocates to endure.

King, Rachel. **Don't Kill in Our Names: Families of Murder Victims Speak Out Against the Death Penalty**. Rutgers University Press, 2003. A collection of the wrenching accounts of individuals who have had loved ones murdered but oppose the death penalty, often working to save the life of the killer. The book addresses the question of how one can move past the unforgettable and seemingly unforgivable.

Religious

Recinella, Dale S. **The Biblical Truth About America's Death Penalty**. Northeastern University Press, 2004. As a death row chaplain in Florida, Dale Recinella was struck by the number of Christians who quoted Bible passages that they thought mandated the death penalty. He argues that people of Biblical faith should be advocates of abolishing the death penalty, rather than supporters of this practice.