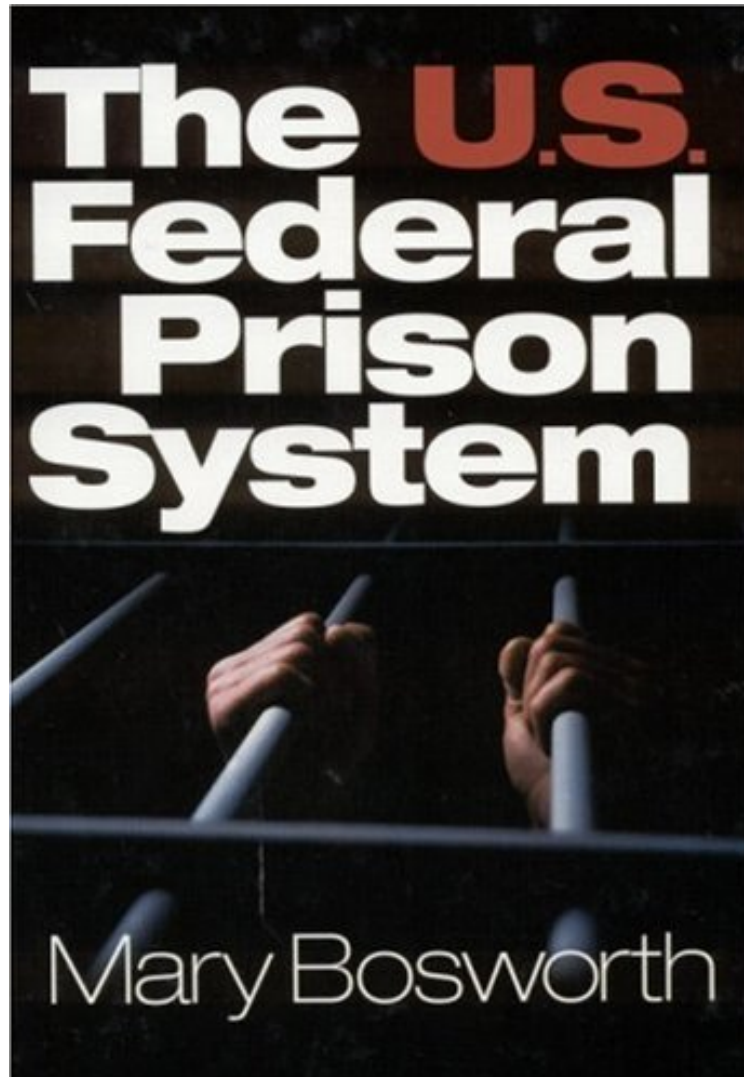


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"The U.S. Federal Prison System" by Mary Bosworth is a very good, thoroughly researched title, albeit somewhat dated now (it was published in 2002). This book provides a terrific primer on federal prisons from a factual and policy basis, not a how-to or survival basis. Published by Sage Publications, a well-respected academic publisher, "The U.S. Federal Prison System" hits its target remarkably well. "The U.S. Federal Prison System" is 375 pages long and divided into 20 chapters and two appendices. Appendix A ("Bureau of Prisons Facilities") is reminiscent of the "Federal Prison Guidebook" by Alan Ellis, J. Michael Henderson Todd Bussert in that it profiles all federal prisons in existence in 2002. This is dated now, so not of as much use as it once was. The book also has a quality references section, suggested reading section, and a very useful index. The following chapters are contained in "The U.S. Federal Prison System":
Views From Inside
Arriving in Prison
Architecture and Design
Classification and Security
Discipline
Drugs and Substance Abuse
Treatment
Education
Food and Commissary
Health and Medical Services
Private Prisons
Release Preparation
Religion
Segregation, Death Row, and Supermaximum Secure Facilities
Sexual Relations in Prison
Staff
Violence in Prison
Visits
Women in Prison
Work
If you are looking for a top-tier policy analysis and overview of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, then "The U.S. Federal Prison System" by Mary Bosworth is the book for you.

Despite the fact that 160,000 people are locked up in our federal correctional facilities, practical information about the federal prison system remains difficult to locate. While some information may be found scattered on the Internet, in directions given at court, or through shared personal experience, there is no single source available that is a collection of all available information. The U.S. Federal Prison System is the first comprehensive reference work that includes official prison policies, first-person accounts from prisoners, and information about each federal facility. The book is organized into two parts. Part I is an introduction to federal prison facilities, including key statistics and "views from inside" provided by inmates of federal prisons. Part II is a look at the Federal Bureau of Prisons policies on various matters such as discipline, education, visits, and religious practices. The book also contains valuable Appendices that give a thorough listing and description of all Federal prison facilities, as well as the services and charities available to prisoners and their families. With the publication of this book there will finally be an up-to-date, comprehensive reference on the

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