



Let's Get Free: A Hip-Hop Theory of Justice

By Paul Butler

The New Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Let's Get Free: A Hip-Hop Theory of Justice, Paul Butler, Drawing on his personal fascinating story as a prosecutor, a defendant, and an observer of the legal process, Paul Butler offers a sharp and engaging critique of our criminal justice system. He argues against discriminatory drug laws and excessive police power and shows how our policy of mass incarceration erodes communities and perpetuates crime. Controversially, he supports jury nullification--or voting "not guilty" out of principle--as a way for everyday people to take a stand against unfair laws, and he joins with the "Stop Snitching" movement, arguing that the reliance on informants leads to shoddy police work and distrust within communities. Butler offers instead a "hip hop theory of justice," parsing the messages about crime and punishment found in urban music and culture. Butler's argument is powerful, edgy, and incisive.



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