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IMPRISONED: REHABILITATE SOCIETY

BY BAILEY BENNETT

As an African American woman who has witnessed family members incarcerated in addition to my father's employment with the Department of Corrections, I have always been fascinated with the prison system. My passion for this complex subject has inspired my art and writing, urging my audience to interpret a different point of view.

Through investigating the modern prison systems, in my writing, *Imprisoned: Rehabilitate Society*, I shed light on the true horrors lying beyond cold prison walls. By incorporating a renowned African American poet, Etheridge Knight's poem, I cracked the surface in regards to the racial stigmas of incarceration. I include an interview with a man who has worked closely with rehabilitation programs within Washington State's prisons. The viewer is tested in deciding if the *true* criminals are locked away to protect society, or if society itself is imprisoned by the notion of what is safe and just.

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