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#### Review

This comprehensive and accessible text provides a theoretically-rich look at the various ways that race and racism are central to Canada's criminal justice system. Chan and Chunn explore previously under-examined events and cases to establish how race intersects with gender, disability, citizenship, class, and nation. The result is a book that offers an understanding of racialization and crime in a neoliberal and white-settler context. (Hijin Park, Brock University)

Extremely well-researched and thorough, this text should be useful in a broad range of disciplines: social work, criminology, and gender and anti-racist studies. One of the strengths of this book is its coverage of topics that are missing from most criminology texts, especially the role that the state plays in constructing criminality in the areas of immigration and national security, as well as discussions of mental health and race. (Shoshanna Pollack, Wilfrid Laurier University)

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