

lifespark media list

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This listing includes what we consider to be important books on the topic of the death penalty. It is in no way complete! These books and others can be ordered from www.amazon.com

Diese Liste enthält Bücher über die Todesstrafe, die uns wichtig erscheinen. Sie ist aber keineswegs vollständig! Die aufgeführten Vorschläge und weitere Titel zum Thema können über www.amazon.de oder www.amazon.com bestellt werden.

Cette liste inclut ce que nous considérons comme étant des lectures importantes en référence au sujet de la peine de mort. Elle est loin d'être exhaustive! Ces œuvres sont disponibles sur www.amazon.fr ou sur www.amazon.com.

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1. Books written by Lifespark members

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Summary
Twisted Truth	Wendy SCHMID-EASTWOOD	Athena Press, 2004	978-1844011483	An indictment of capital punishment, written by the correspondent of a death row inmate, who documents the prisoner's life, his struggle for justice and his execution in 2000.
Messages of Life from Death Row	Pierre PRADERVAND	Booksurge Publishing, 2009	978-1439235607	This book features correspondence from Texas death row inmate Roger McGowen to sociologist and writer Pierre Pradervand. McGowen's letters describe his life on death row and point to flaws in the American criminal justice system, especially the arbitrary nature of the death penalty. The publisher, Booksurge, said the book offers a "unique juxtaposition of carefully selected texts next to the heartfelt and memorable letters written by McGowen giving readers a historical, ethical and pragmatic overview of American criminal justice as well as an inside view of death row in Texas."
Messages de vie du couloir de la mort	Pierre PRADERVAND et Roger MCGOWEN	Editions Jouvence, 2003	978-2883533455	Ce livre est un cantique à la grandeur d'un individu qui a su et qui sait encore grandir, partager, aimer, pardonner dans un enfer carcéral, dont chaque dimension est faite pour écraser l'homme.
La Peine de mort dans l'arsenal punitif américain	Ludivine FERREIRA	Editions Artesia, 2010	978-240434053	Cet ouvrage tente de répondre à la question suivante: «Est-ce que la peine capitale doit faire partie de l'arsenal punitif d'un Etat? ». Des pistes de réflexion et une comparaison entre les systèmes judiciaires américain et suisse rendent cette lecture pleine d'enseignement et fort intéressante.
Trois enfants de ce temps	Dr. Françoise BERTHOUD	Editions Xenia, 2010	978-2888921127	Docteure en médecine et pédiatre, Dr. Berthoud décrit le parcours de 3 enfants dits de « cerveau droit » dans un monde de « cerveau gauche », dont Michael Perry, condamné à mort et exécuté par l'Etat du Texas. Ces enfants, comme beaucoup dans notre monde, ont reçu des drogues au lieu de temps pour les écouter et les comprendre.
Condamné à mort au Texas	Jacques SECRETAN	l' Harmattan, 2000	978-2747500944	Ce livre expose un combat mal connu aux Etats-Unis même: celui de 3'600 hommes, femmes et adolescents reclus dans un couloir de la mort. C'est aussi le combat de leurs familles et des militants qui luttent «au dehors».
Une mère innocente condamnée à mort aux Etats-Unis	Jacques SECRETAN	Editions Favre SA, Lausanne, 2011	978-2828912185	Ce livre raconte l'histoire de Debra Milke, depuis vingt ans dans le couloir de la mort de l'Arizona, condamnée à mort pour le meurtre de son fils de quatre ans qu'elle nie avoir commandité. Ce livre est là pour attester qu'entre ce que garantit la Constitution des Etats-Unis et la réalité, il y a parfois de cruels dérapages. Deux autres cas de condamnations à la peine capitale sont évoqués dans ce livre, celui de Robert Garza, arrêté en 2003 au Texas, et celui de Jaime Elizalde, exécuté dans ce même Etat en janvier 2006.

2. English books

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Summary
The anatomy of violence – the biological roots of crime	Adrian RAINE	Penguin Books, 2014	978-014104680	Adrian Raine is one of the world's leading authorities on the minds of the violent, the criminal, the dangerous, the unstable. An Anatomy of Violence is the culmination of his life's work so far, offering the latest answers to some of the most difficult questions: what are the causes of violence? Can it be treated? And might it one day be stopped? Are some criminals born, not made? What causes violence and how can we treat it? An Anatomy of Violence introduces readers to new ways of looking at these age-old questions. Through a series of case studies of famous criminals, Raine shows how their criminal behavior might be explained on the basis of these new scientific discoveries.
999489 – From Foster Care to Texas Death Row	Gerald MARSHALL	Create Space Independent Publishing Platform, 2013	978-1491005484	Gerard Marshall, born 1982, was sentenced to death by the State of Texas in 2004. This is his story – an appeal for justice and the indestructible hope of freedom. He gives you an insight into his experiences growing up in foster care and explains how he ended up on death row for a murder he obviously did not commit. All proceeds from the book sales will go towards the projects of the European Association for Human Rights, www.human-rights-association.org
Life after Death – Eighteen years on Death Row	Damien ECHOLS	Blue Rider Press, 2012	978-1782391227	John Grisham said about this book: "Damien Echols spent 18 years on death row for murders he did not commit. Somehow, in the depths of his unspeakable nightmare, he found the courage and strength not only to survive, but to grow, to create, to forgive and to understand."
Die free: a true story of murder, betrayal and miscarried justice	Peter ROONEY	Kindle Edition, 2011		"When Joe Burrows was sentenced to death for the brutal murder of an elderly Illinois farmer, he asked me -- a young reporter covering my first murder trial -- to help tell his story. This non-fiction narrative is a harrowing account of murder, betrayal, and of a femme fatale's wrongful accusation that put two innocent men behind bars, one of them on Illinois' infamous Death Row. It was never my intent to prove that Burrows was innocent of murder. Rather, it was to uncover the truth, or close to it at least".
Trout: a true story of murder, teens and the Death Penalty	Jeff KUNERTH	University of Florida, 2013	978-0813039817	This haunting tale tracks the downward journey of three adolescents involved in the 1991 robbery of a Trout Auto Parts store in Pensacola, FL, during which a clerk named Billy Wayne Coker was shot and killed. Kunerth uses this obscure case to demonstrate the disturbing ease with which juveniles are transformed into adults in Florida's justice system.
Capital punishment: an indictment by a Death Row survivor	Billy Wayne SINCLAIR and Jodie SINCLAIR	Kindle Edition, 2011	978-161145347	Billy Wayne Sinclair was only 21 when he heard the Louisiana judge pronounce these words: "I hereby sentence you to death in the electric chair." It was the culmination of a botched holdup committed the year before in which Billy had accidentally shot and killed a man. Billy spent the next 40 years in Angola Prison, one of the country's worst, six of those years on death row. When in 1972 the Supreme Court struck down the death penalty as arbitrary and capricious, Billy was re-sentenced to life without parole. Finally released in 2006, he now examines the death penalty in great detail, from ancient history - an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth - to the present. Informed by his own experience and his decades-long studies, this book offers important information about, and insights into, a subject that is as heated and controversial today as it ever was.
The wrong man: a true story of innocence on Death Row	Michael MELLO	University of Minnesota Press, 2001	978-0816637836	The Wrong Man is the dramatic story of the author's twenty-year fight to save his client from execution for a murder he didn't commit.
Welcome to hell: Letters and writings from Death Row	Jan ARRIENS	Northeastern University Press, 1997/2004	978-1555536367	A case history and a collection of letters written on Death Row. Jan Arriens, the founder of Life Lines, a similar organization to lifespark in England, collected these writings.

Hurricane, the life of Rubin Carter	James S. HIRSCH	Fourth Estate Ltd., 2000	978-1841151304	About a boxer who suddenly finds himself wrongfully convicted of murder, and the battle of some idealists to get him out of prison. Film by Norman JEWISON, DVD Release 2000, featuring Denzel Washington.
A death in Texas	Dina TEMPLE-RASTON	Henry Holt & Co LLC, 2002	978-0805072778	The book tells the true story of a man's murder and a town's redemption. Three white men chained J. Byrd Jr. to the bumper of a truck and dragged him to his death. Sheriff B. Rowles, a man who believed justice to be colour-blind, charged the killers with murder.
Back from the Dead: One Woman's search for the men who walked off America's Death Row	Joan M. CHEEVER	Wiley & Sons, 2006	978-0470017500	The story of 589 former death row inmates who through a lottery of fate were given a second chance at life in 1972 when the death penalty was abolished; it returned to the United States four years later.
The innocent man: Murder and Injustice in a small town	John GRISHAM	Doubleday, 2006	978-0345532015	The author is best known for fictional courtroom dramas. This riveting book presents an actual case of justice gone wrong. Two men are sent to death row based on shoddy police work, lies and pseudo-science.
Chasing justice	Kerry Max COOK	William Morrow, 2007	978-0060574659	A riveting chronicle of an innocent man on death row for a murder he did not commit, of police corruption, and of a crusading lawyer, who helped free him.
A Saint on Death Row – the story of Dominique Green	Thomas CAHILL	Nan A. Talese, 2009	978-0385520195	"A Saint on Death Row" will introduce you to a young man whose history, innate goodness, and final days you will never forget. It also shines a necessary light on America's racist and deeply flawed legal system.
That bird has my wings	Harvis Jay MASTERS	HarperOne, 2009	978-0061730450	In this polished tale that belies the author's raw origins, Masters (Finding Freedom), who has been imprisoned on San Quentin's death row since 1990 and become a devout Buddhist, recalls the neglect, abuse and cycle of crime and hopelessness that relegated him to prison at the age of 19.

a) Victims' families

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Summary
Forgiving the dead man walking	Debbie MORRIS	Zondervan, 2000	978-0310231875	Already familiar for those who have seen the movie "Dead Man Walking", this horrifying crime story related here by one of the victims becomes an inspiring morality tale of one woman's redemption.
Don't kill in our names	Rachel KING	Rutgers University Press, 2003	978-0813531823	Families of Murder Victims speak out against the death penalty
Journey of hope – from violence to healing	Bill PELKE	Xlibris, 2003	978-1413419917	Initially Bill did not object when Paula Cooper was sentenced to death for the murder of his grandmother. But he moved from supporting the death sentence to working to have Paula's sentence overturned and dedicating his life to abolishing the death penalty.

b) Inmates' families

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Summary
Hidden victims. The effect of the Death Penalty on families of the accused	Susan F. SHARP	Rutgers University Press, 2005	978-1413419917	Many people consider murderers to be subhuman. Sociologist Susan F. Sharp interviewed many families of people on death row and shows how the vicious circle surrounding such crimes affects many more people than the individual accused criminal and the victim.
Capital consequences	Rachel KING	Rutgers University Press, 2003	978-0813535043	Families of Murder Victims speak out against the death penalty
In the shadow of death: Restorative Justice and Death Row families	Elizabeth BECK and others	Oxford University Press, 2007	978-0195375695	The families of murder victims suffer, but what about the families of convicted murderers? They also become victims. This book tells their moving stories.
Last words from Death Row: The Walls Unit	Norma HERRERA	Nightingale Press, 2007	978-1933449296	The sister of an innocent man executed in Texas tells how her brother and the family suffered and how justice went wrong. The book fulfils her promise to her brother to tell his story.

c) Bystanders – Security Personnel, Spiritual Advisers, Jurists, and others

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Summary
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption	Bryan Stevenson	Spiegel & Grau, 2014	978-0812994520	Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice.
Now I walk on Death Row	Dale S. Recinella	Chosen Books, 2011	978-0800795054	As one of the most influential finance lawyers in the country, Dale Recinella was living the American dream. With prestige, power, and unthinkable paychecks at his fingertips, his life was perfect... at least on paper. But on the heels of closing a huge deal for the Miami Dolphins, Dale's life took an unfathomable turn. He heard and heeded Jesus's call to sell everything he owned and follow him. Thus began a radical quest to live out the words of Jesus no matter what the cost. In this quick paced, well written story, Recinella shares his amazing journey from growing up in the slums of Detroit to racing through "the good life" on Wall Street to finally walking the humble path of God the path of ministry on death row.
The Biblical Truth about America's Death Penalty	Dale S. Recinella	Northeastern University Press, 2004	978-1555536329	Religious conservatives, particularly in the "Bible belt," remain advocates of the death penalty, citing biblical law and practice to defend government-sanctioned killing. Dale S. Recinella compares biblical teaching about the death penalty with the nation's current system of capital punishment.
Things I learned from dying	David R. DOW	Twelve Hachette Book Group, 2014	978-1455575244	David R. DOW, the nationally and internationally recognized figure in the fight against the death penalty, captivates readers with a searing and frank exploration of his work defending death row inmates and at the same time shares his personal story about his battle to reconcile with the loss of loved ones.
Fighting for their	Susannah SHEFFER	Vanderbilt Univer-	978-0826519115	The author's book offers a rare look at the emotionally important

lives – inside experience of the capital defense attorneys		city Press, 2013		questions surrounding capital defense lawyering. Its conversational format opens up a vein of insight that even memoir would not, and helps us understand why caring, educated and intelligent professionals willingly suffer the grinding horror of attempting to stop the dance of death by dedicating themselves to the defense of those deemed disposable.
The Corruption of innocence – a true story of a journey for justice	Lori ST. JOHN	Creative Production Services, 2013	978-0989040129	A most thrilling story of how St. John, first as a volunteer and later as a lawyer and wife of her client, Virginia death row inmate Joseph O'Dell, fights for his life. Read how the ex-wife of a prominent surgeon finds herself at the death chamber battling the American justice system with the people of Italy, the Pope and Mother Theresa in her corner. A rare chance to see the criminal justice system behind closed doors and learn the untold story of a murder conviction and the egregious miscarriage of justice. O'Dell's story is also told by Sister Helen Préjean, see below:
The death of innocents	Sister Helen PREJEAN	Random House, 2005	978-0679759485	Sister Helen accompanies two possibly innocent men to their execution and reveals the weaknesses of the American justice system.
Coming of the hour	Harrison CHARLES	Buttress Publishing Company, 2014	978-0990307907	Fiction. Author Harrison Charles explores the controversial subjects of the death penalty and dirty politics, drawing the reader into a tangled pot with stunning twist at the end. Citizens of Georgia breath a sigh of relief when Douglas Parson is arrested and placed on death row for the brutal murder of a priest. With the monster behind bars, the city of Atlanta will be a little more secure. But when a string of similar murders begin to take place, police begin to wonder if Parson is somehow involved, especially after receiving regular visits from a mysterious blonde woman with a briefcase. But is everything truly what it seems to be or is there something far more sinister at work?
A wild justice – the Death and resurrection of capital punishment	Evan J. MANDERY	W.W. Norton & Company Inc., 2013	978-039323958	A „must read“ for those interested in gaining a better understanding and knowledge of the American judicial system and the death penalty, its background and mechanisms.
In cold blood	Truman CAPOTE	Penguin Books Ltd, 1966	978-0375507908	Two two-time losers living in a lonely house in western Kansas are out to make the heist of their life, but when things don't go as planned, the robbery turns ugly. From there, the book is a real-life look into murder, prison, and the criminal mind.
Dead man walking: an eyewitness account of the Death Penalty in the US	Sister Helen PREJEAN	Vintage, 1994	978-0679751311	The book is the result of Sr. Prejean's visits to two death row inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary where she served as a spiritual advisor.
Within these walls	Rev. Carroll PICKETT	St. Martin's Press, 2002	978-1904132745	A chaplain who spent 15 years working on death row tells his moving story.
A life and death decision: a jury weighs the Death Penalty	Scott E. SUNDRY	Palgrave Mac Millan, 2005	978-0230600638	This book gives the reader a window, almost a fly-on-the-wall peek, into the capital jury room, a place most people do not experience first-hand. Written by Professor Scott E. Sundry, a “must read” according to some reviewers.
Warden: Texas Prison Life from the inside out	Jim WILLETT and Ron ROZELLE	2005	978-1931721509	The book is about Willett's career and his experience of 30 years in Texas prisons, first as a guard and then as a warden.
Living justice	Jessica BLANK and Erik JENSEN	2006	978-0743483469	Capitalizing on a shifting trend in public attitudes about the death penalty in 2000, former actors Blank and Jensen decided to write an ensemble piece using the words of real people to highlight the legal flaws in the death penalty statute.
Prison city: Life with the Death Penalty in Huntsville Texas	Ruth MASSINGILL	Peter Lang Publishing, 2007	978-0820488905	Prison City looks beneath the placid surface of Huntsville, Texas, execution capital of the world, sheds light on controversial issues usually hidden, and reflects basic questions of crime and punishment, as well as vengeance and forgiveness.

Dialogues on the ethics of capital punishment	Dale JACQUETTE	Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2009	978-1439235607	Dale Jacquette presents a fictional dialogue over a three-day period on the ethical complexities of capital punishment. Jacquette moves his readers from outlining basic issues in matters of life and death, to questions of justice and compassion, with a concluding dialogue on the conditional and unconditional right to life. Jacquette's characters talk plainly and thoughtfully about the death penalty, and readers are left to determine for themselves how best to think about the morality of putting people to death.
Executed on a technicality: Lethal injustice on America's Death Row	David R. DOW	Beacon Press, 2005	978-0807044193	David R. Dow, a death penalty attorney and professor of law compellingly shows that sentencing innocent people to death is only one aspect of the contemporary debate on the death penalty. Basic fairness in the criminal system is equally important. Because such fairness is missing and cannot be restored, the death penalty deserves a grave of its own. A "must read" for everybody who cares about justice in the USA.
The autobiography of an execution	David R. DOW	Twelve,	978-0446562065	In his latest book David R. Dow offers a candid look at the way he lives around the constant impending deaths of his clients. Without being preachy, the book reveals all of the problems with the death penalty as it is administered in Texas.
Angel of Death Row: my life as a Death Penalty defense lawyer	Andrea DE LYON	Kaplan Publishing, 2010	978-1607144342	Dubbed "The Angel of Death Row" by the Chicago Tribune, Lyon was the first woman to serve as lead attorney in a death penalty case. Throughout her career she has defended those accused of heinous acts and argued that, no matter their guilt or innocence, they deserved a chance at redemption.
The last lawyer: the fight to save Death Row inmates	John TEMPLE	University Press of Mississippi, 2009	978-1604733556	The Last Lawyer is the true, inside story of how an idealistic legal genius and his diverse band of investigators and fellow attorneys fought to overturn a client's final sentence.

3. Bücher auf Deutsch

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Summary
Mein Leben nach der Todeszelle	Damien ECHOLS	Goldmann, 2013	978-3442313402	Im Jahr 1993 wurden Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin und Jessie Misskelley Jr. – bald bekannt unter dem Namen "The West Memphis Three" – für schuldig befunden, drei 8-jährige Jungen ermordet zu haben. Baldwin und Misskelley erhielten lebenslange Haftstrafen, Echols wurde zum Tode verurteilt. In den folgenden Jahren wurden die "WM3" weltweit zum Symbol für die Verfehlungen des amerikanischen Justizsystems und erhielten breite Unterstützung. In einer spektakulären Wende der Situation und aufgrund neuerlicher DNA-Test wurden alle drei Männer im August 2011 entlassen. In seinem Buch schildert Damien Echols, der stets seine Unschuld beteuerte, was es bedeutet, 18 Jahre lang in der Todeszelle zu sitzen, und er erzählt, wie es ihm gelang, den psychischen wie physischen Terror, dem er ausgesetzt war, zu überleben.
Todesstrafe: von der Guillotine zur Gift-spritze	Martin HAIDINGER	Ecwin 2013	978-3902404459	Eine packende Geschichte der staatlichen Tötungen im Namen der Gerechtigkeit. Anhand unzähliger Fälle zeichnet Journalist und Historiker Marting Haidinger die Blutspur der Justiz durch die Geschichte nach, nennt die Namen von Henkern und Opfern und gibt Einblicke in die erschütternden Fälle. Die Todesstrafe – das letzte staatliche Argument im Ringen um Sühne für Kapitalverbrechen, und zugleich das am öftesten missbrauchte Instrument politischer Willkür.
Das Buch vom Töten	Hemut ORTNER	Zu Klampen Verlag, 2013	978-3866742277	Dieses Buch ist eine Geschichte der Todesstrafe und beleuchtet deren geschichtlichen, kulturellen, politischen und wirtschaftlichen Aspekte. In der Einleitung des Buches „Wenn der Staat tötet“ kommt der Fall des schwarzen US- Amerikaners Troy Davis, der jahrelang mit einem lifespark-Mitglied korrespondierte, zur Sprache.
Endstation Todeszelle – die Geschichte der Todesstrafe in den USA mit 5 Beispielen nach 1976	Joachim KOHNEN	GRIN Verlag, 2011	978-3656063360	In seinem wissenschaftlichen Aufsatz beschreibt der Autor dieses Buches die Geschichte der Todesstrafe in den USA und schildert fünf Schicksale aus den Todestrakten von Utah, Mississippi, Virginia und Texas.
Lasst meine Tochter endlich frei	Renate JANKA	Droehmer Knaur, 2003	978-3426272633	Die traurige Geschichte einer Berlinerin, die seit 1989 im Todesstrakt in Arizona sitzt. Ihre Mutter hat die aufrüttelnde Fallstudie einer höchst fragwürdigen Rechtsprechung zusammen getragen.
Die letzten 10 Stunden	Carroll PICKETTA	Europa Verlag, 2004	978-3203810232	Ein Kaplan erzählt über seine Erlebnisse mit Todeskandidaten.
Aus der Todeszelle	Mumia ABU-JAMAL	Atlantik, 2005	978-3926529626	Neues von dem bekannten Autor, der in Pennsylvania in der Todeszelle sitzt. Das Buch wird als wichtiger Lesestoff für Gegner der Todesstrafe bezeichnet.
Todesstrafen - Eine geschichtliche Spurensuche	Ingo WIRTH	Militzke, 2004	978-3861896104	Ein Rechtsmediziner beschreibt die Techniken der Henker und das Sterben der Verurteilten. Das Hinrichten als Phänomen der menschlichen Zivilisation, das auch zur Kulturgeschichte gehört.
Todesstrafe: Auge um Auge	Kazem HASHEMI	Horlemann Verlag, 2008	978-3895022531	Dieses Werk beschäftigt sich mit der Todesstrafe weltweit sowie mit ihren kulturell/religiösen und politisch/gesellschaftlichen Hintergründen. Zwei Geschichten, eine davon aus dem Iran, die andere aus einem westlichen Land, schildern die Todesstrafe aus der Perspektive von Betroffenen
Gottesbegegnungen im Gefängnis	Tobias BRANDNER	Lembeck-Verlag, 2009	978-3874765886	Das Buch ist mehr als ein Handbuch der Gefangenen-Seelsorge. Der Autor führt den Leser auf eine spirituelle Reise in die Welt der Gefangenschaft, wo Grundanliegen des Menschseins - Freiheit, Sinn, Vergebung, Zugehörigkeit - neue Bedeutung erlangen.

4. Livres en français

Title	Author	Publisher	ISBN	Summary
La peine de mort	Jules SIMONS	J'ai lu – Libro, 2014	978-1272442729	Trois frères sont accusés d'avoir assassiné le maire de Vannes. Tout semble prouver leur culpabilité: l'absence d'alibi, les déclarations des témoins à charge, ou encore les agissements de leur père réfractaire à la monarchie de Juillet. La sentence est formelle: la peine de mort. Le jeune Jules Simon, narrateur et ancien camarade de classe des condamnés, se refuse à croire à leur responsabilité dans l'affaire. Indigné, il mène sa propre enquête... Ce récit relate l'événement qui convainc Jules Simon de s'opposer à la peine de mort. Cette nouvelle, véritable enquête policière, est suivie d'un dossier consacré à la peine de mort dans le monde.
Entre nos lignes – Lettre à Hank	Sandrine AGEORGES-SKINNER	Editions Stock, 2012	978-2234073241	Dans cette longue lettre à Hank, Sandrine revient sur leur histoire, celle d'un amour plus fort que les murs et les barbelés, avec les doutes, l'angoisse, l'horreur au quotidien, mais aussi le courage, la confiance, les rires et, au bout du chemin, l'espoir.
Un long silence	Mikal GILMORE	Editions Sonatine, 2010	978-2355840517	Cet ouvrage est une réponse au fameux livre de Norman Mailer «Le chant du bourreau» qui relatait la vie de Gary Gilmore, célèbre condamné à mort américain. Mikal est le frère cadet de Gary. Dans un élan de survie, il se lance dans une enquête, à la fois affective, douloureuse et sans concession sur sa propre famille et ses origines.
L'Exécution	Robert BADINTER	Le livre de poche 1976	978-2253011224	Ces deux livres sont le récit d'une longue lutte contre la peine de mort. Ils commencent par le procès de Claude Buffet et de Roger Bontemps et s'achèvent avec le vote de l'abolition, le 30 septembre 1981.
L'abolition	Robert BADINTER	Le livre de poche 2002	978-2253152613	
Reflexions sur la peine capitale	Albert CAMUS et Arthur KOESTLER	Gallimard 2002	978-2070418466	Pour Albert Camus, la suppression de la vie humaine ne se justifie que dans la perspective de l'immortalité. Arthur Koestler dénonce la peine de mort comme contraire à la fois à la logique du déterminisme et à l'esprit du libre arbitre.
Je ne suis pas Karla	Guillemette FASURE	Le Serpent à plumes, 2002	978-842613662	L'auteur a rencontré ces femmes oubliées pour écrire leurs histoires douloureuses et tragiques. Entre analyse et reportage, "Je ne suis pas Karla" dénonce la brutalité du système pénal américain à travers des portraits de femmes au bord de l'abîme.
De la haine à la vie	Philippe MAURICE	Folio documents, 2001	978-2070422708	Gracié par François Mitterand, l'auteur nous présente une formidable leçon de courage et d'espoir, plus convaincant et plus fort que toute fiction, le récit d'une renaissance.
Dix sept ans dans le couloir de la mort	Richard Michael ROSSI	Fayard, 2001	978-2213608686	Voici un témoignage documenté, précis, sobre mais percutant qui dresse un tableau complet des conditions de vie matérielle et psychologique imposées aux condamnés à mort dans les prisons de haute sécurité américaines.
La dernière marche	Soeur Helen PREJEAN	Editions Pocket, 1996	978-2266070942	En 1982, Soeur Helen Prejean accepte de devenir la conseillère spirituelle d'un condamné à mort. Ce qui ressort de cette intimité ultime est un voyage spirituel profondément touchant à travers le système de la peine capitale aux USA.