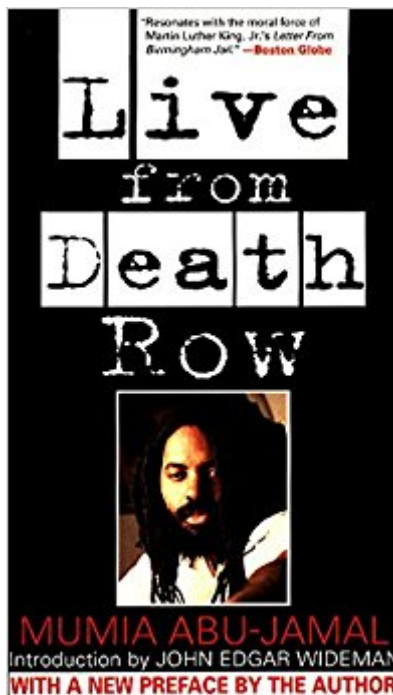


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# Live From Death Row



## Synopsis

Once a prominent radio reporter, Mumia Abu-Jamal is now in a Pennsylvania prison awaiting his state-sanctioned execution. In 1982 he was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner after a trial many have criticized as profoundly biased. *Live From Death Row* is a collection of his prison writings--an impassioned yet unflinching account of the brutalities and humiliations of prison life. It is also a scathing indictment of racism and political bias in the American judicial system that is certain to fuel the controversy surrounding the death penalty and freedom of speech.

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## Customer Reviews

Sentenced to death in 1982 for the murder of a police officer, after a trial that has since attracted considerable criticism, African American journalist Abu-Jamal presents a collection of his prison writings. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

After a bizarre shooting of a policeman and an equally bizarre trial, Abu-Jamal was convicted of murder and sentenced to Pennsylvania's death row. Twelve years later, he is still there, although new evidence has been found to support his innocence. This volume is a collection of his writings, which, for the most part, document the atrocities of prison life. The reader may sympathize with Abu-Jamal's plight and even question his guilt in the shooting but will probably find this book fragmented and sketchy. Instead of a continuous narrative, Abu-Jamal offers brief notes drawn

together under one theme. Good prose is drowned by ravings and accusations. One can see why Abu-Jamal's commentaries on National Public Radio were abruptly canceled. The book will probably not be of value to public or academic libraries. It might be of use in correctional facility libraries where readers are interested in the case. ?Frances Sandiford, Green Haven Correctional Facility Lib., Stormville, N.Y. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The musings of a victim of racism that endured unbelievable hardships at the hands of white supremacists. Every chapter drives home the true savage white supremacist intent of the American justice system, much like Assata Shakur's autobiography. The only difference is this victim is still enslaved. The book is not long but it is the kind of page turner full of constructive information that you will finish in one sitting. I can't recommend it more. I definitely intent to read more of Mumia Abu Jamal's books.

I found this book very informative and interesting. It didn't really convince me if Mumia Abu-Jamal was innocent or guilty of the charge in which he was imprisoned but it did convince me that prison and the whole criminal system are racist, unfair and immoral. It also made me wonder about real lawyers too. What are they really here to do? He did explain how innocent people can be incarcerated and he described how prisoners are often terribly mistreated.

Stokely tried to tell us, Malcolm tried to tell us. Che tried to tell us. Gaddafi tried to tell us, Mumia Abu Jamal is telling us.

Mumia Abu-Jamal is an award winning journalist who became a political prisoner when he was convicted for murder based on tampered evidence, police misconduct and determination of the state to keep him quiet. The state failed in that attempt. He has written many brilliant books read all around the world. He is commonly called 'The Voice of the Voiceless'. He rarely writes about himself, but comments on life on death row, about current affairs, about the need for people to come together to change the world. I would recommend this book to anyone looking to find an understanding of why the world is the way it is today and how to change it.

Delivered on everything it promised .it was real, honest and touched a nerve that made your heart pound. Mr. Abu-Jamal manages to write with such meaning and purpose despite the dire

circumstances that he must face day to day. If this book doesn't open society's eyes about the unjust corrupt justice system not to mention the racism still very much alive in our cities.....nothing will.

This is a brutally honest book of the conditions of prisons in America. If you are looking for a book about Mumias case then this isn't for you but I still suggest that you purchase it because whether you feel he is innocent or guilty it is an amazing read. I'm looking into which Mumia book I should purchase next!

Mumia is a controversial figure but his analysis of the death penalty in the United States is a biting one. It is difficult to take the United States government seriously when it demonizes other countries while it has the largest prison population in history. Mumia explains his interesting story and the horrors that he has witnessed in a max security prison.

A must read book! Mumia is a true example of humanity

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