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The struggle for social justice and the study of social justice are not confined to a single discipline. This book is an example of the multidisciplinary nature of this struggle. The chapters of this book represent a vast array of disciplines: Communication, Criminology, Critical Studies, Education, Ethnic Studies, Geography, History, Justice Studies, Law, Political Science, Sociology, Urban Planning, and Women’s Studies. It is our hope that those who read this volume will recognize the importance of multiple perspectives in the study of and fight for social justice.
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