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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Nell Bernstein

Author

Nell Bernstein is the author of *Burning Down the House: The End of Juvenile Prison* and *All Alone in the World: Children of the Incarcerated*, both published by The New Press. *All Alone in the World* was selected as a pick of the week by *Newsweek*, a best book of the year by the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and a top ten book of the year by the Online Review of Books, and has been adopted into the curricula of universities across the country. *Burning Down the House* has been named one of *The Daily Beast's* 10 Best Big Ideas of 2014, *Publishers Weekly's* Best Books of 2014, and "What to Read" by *Glamour* magazine.

Ms. Bernstein has spoken across the country about the impact of incarceration on young people and families; written for various national publications; and made numerous radio and television appearances, including *Fresh Air*, *The Tavis Smiley Show*, *The Diane Rehm Show*, and MSNBC. She has been named a Soros Justice Fellow and received a White House Champion of Change award for her work. As coordinator of the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership, she pioneered a Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents that has been replicated nationally and internationally.