

## SOCIAL PROBLEMS / SOCIOLOGY OF YOUTH

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### About the Book

Facing a crisis unlike that of any other generation, young people are caught between the discourses of consumerism and a powerful crime-control-complex, and are viewed increasingly as commodities or are subjected to the dictates of an ever-expanding criminal justice system. Drawing upon critical analyses, biography, and social theory, *Disposable Youth, Racialized Memories and the Culture of Cruelty* explores the current conditions young people now face within an emerging culture of privatization, insecurity, and commodification, and raises some important questions regarding the role that educators, young people, and concerned citizens might play in challenging the plight of youth while deepening and extending the promise of a better future and a viable democracy.

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