

'Immigration detention has become an enlarged and permanent feature of the carceral landscape. Mary Bosworth's work provides the most extensive account yet of the inner life of removal centres. Her research sensitively and powerfully explores the critical issues for detainees, administrators, policy makers, and academics. This is an essential book for all those with an interest in migration and detention.'

**Dr Jamie Bennett, Governor of HMP Grendon & Springhill and formerly Centre Manager of IRC Morton Hall**

'The book is rich in detail about the multi-layered real lives of detainees. It is both academically rigorous and moving, and makes an important contribution to our understanding of the complex stories behind immigration detention.'

**Hindpal Singh Bhui, Inspection Team Leader, HM Inspectorate of Prisons**

'Written with honesty, humanity and passion, this moving and detailed account of life in immigration detention is based on sustained immersion and painstaking research, often conducted in several languages. It is revealing, and in places, heartbreaking. Its key themes – of identity, estrangement, and ambivalence in an era of mass mobility and disputed citizenship – are urgent and profound. Like the detention centres it describes, the book is 'deeply troubling', yet the author succeeds in her challenge of writing an account that is at once vivid, critical, and constructive.'

**Professor Alison Lieblich, University of Cambridge, UK**

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On any given day nearly 3,000 foreign national citizens are detained under immigration powers in UK detention centres alone. Around the world immigrants are routinely detained in similar conditions. The institutions charged with immigrant detention are volatile and contested sites. They are also places about which we know very little. What is their goal? How do they operate? How are they justified?

*Inside Immigration Detention* lifts the lid on the hidden world of migrant detention, presenting the first national study of life in British immigration removal centres. Offering more than just a description of life behind bars of those men and women awaiting deportation, it uses extensive empirical data, including staff and detainee testimonies, to revisit key assumptions about state power and the legacies of colonialism under conditions of globalization.

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