



Up In Here: Jailing Kids on Chicago's Other Side (Paperback)

By Mark Dostert

University of Iowa Press, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Raised in a comfortable Dallas suburb, Mark Dostert crossed cultural and socioeconomic boundaries as a college student by volunteering as a counsellor at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, Chicago's infamous 500-cell juvenile jail, known locally as the Audy Home. Inmates there had been indicted on first-degree murder, rape, and carjacking charges, yet some enthusiastically met with him for weekly Bible-based lessons and discussions. Dostert formed friendly relationships with his students and envisioned becoming an even closer mentor to the legally troubled boys when he became an employee there after graduating from college. The juveniles' attitudes toward Dostert change, however, once he begins working as a Children's Attendant at the Audy Home, clocking in for eight hours every day to enforce rules and maintain order on the cellblocks. His colour-blind, altruistic volunteer world fractures into a full-time, emotionally charged reality of white and black and brown. When the boys change, he must change too. Despite wanting to help them feel human in such a dehumanizing environment, Dostert realizes he needs to make sure his kindness is not perceived as weakness. Dostert...



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