**About the author**

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**About the Book**

Piper Kerman takes readers into B-Dorm, a community of colorful, eccentric, vividly drawn women. Their stories raise issues of friendship and family, mental illness, the odd cliques and codes of behavior, the role of religion, the uneasy relationship between prisoner and jailer, and the almost complete lack of guidance for life after prison. Compelling, moving and often hilarious, the 2010 memoir sheds a unique light on life inside a women’s prison, by a Smith College graduate who did the crime – and the time.