The Social Order of the Underworld: How Prison Gangs Govern the American Penal System

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David Skarbek uses economics to explore the secret world of convict culture, inmate hierarchy, and prison gang politics, and to explain why prison gangs form, how formal institutions affect them, and why they have a powerful influence over crime even beyond prison walls. The ramifications of his findings extend far beyond the seemingly irrational and often tragic society of captives.