



## Cruel Justice: Three Strikes and the Politics of Crime in America s Golden State (Paperback)

By Joe Domanick

University of California Press, United States, 2005. Paperback. Condition: New. Annotated edition. Language: English . Brand New Book. When the people of California overwhelmingly voted for the 1994 three strikes law, many had no idea what they were approving. The official ballot argument in favor of what Newsweek called the toughest law in the nation kept it simple: Three strikes keeps career criminals who rape women, molest children and commit murder behind bars where they belong . What few people realized, however, was that the sweeping nature of the law would put thousands of nonviolent men and women in prison for twenty-five years to life, for crimes as minor as shoplifting \$2.69 worth of AA batteries, forging a check for \$94.94, or attempting to buy a macadamia nut disguised as a \$5 rock of cocaine. In his riveting, well-documented book, Joe Domanick reveals the drama of the shattered lives involved with the law. Focusing on personal stories, Cruel Justice expands to tell the larger tale of how the law came into existence; how it has played out; what political, social, and economic forces lie behind it; and how the politics of crime and fear work in America. Domanick demonstrates how...

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