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Chasing Gideon: The Elusive Quest for Poor People's Justice

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The New Press, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 222 x 148 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. First published to mark the fifty-year anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Gideon v. Wainwright*, which guaranteed the right to legal counsel for all criminal defendants, *Chasing Gideon* is a hugely important book (*New York Law Journal*) that gives us a visceral, unforgettable experience of our systemic failure to fulfill this basic constitutional right. Written in the tradition of *Gideon's Trumpet*, by the late Anthony Lewis, this is a book of nightmares, as Leonard Pitts wrote in the *Miami Herald*, because it shows that the justice system too often produces the opposite of what its name suggests, particularly for its most vulnerable constituents. Following its publication, *Chasing Gideon*, which ACLU director Anthony Romero said illustrates the scope and seriousness of the indigent defense crisis, became an integral part of a growing national conversation about how to reform indigent defense in America, coordinated with an HBO documentary and a website to promote the book and the movie. The effort spread news about *Chasing Gideon* directly to public defenders offices nationwide and drove a national conversation about what Eric...



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