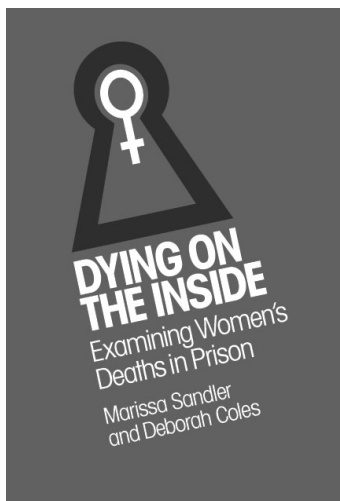


# DYING ON THE INSIDE

Examining Women's  
Deaths in Prison

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