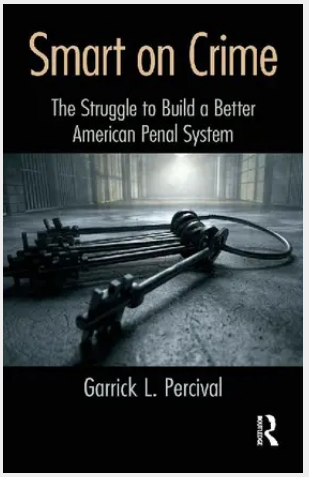
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Smart on Crime

The Struggle to Build a Better American Penal System



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