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Countering the simplified examination of race and crime perpetrated by the media, editors Greene (Texas Southern Univ.)
and Gabbidon (Pennsylvania State Univ.) offer a more comprehensive analysis of this complex and sensitive issue. The contributors are largely an American cast of scholars in criminology, criminal justice, and other related fields. Following the list of roughly 400 entries is a reader’s guide that groups related topics into “Biographies,” “Cases,” “Concepts and Theories,” “Corrections,” “Courts,” “Drugs,” “Juvenile Justice,” “Media,” “Organizations,” “Police,” “Public Policy,” “Race Riots,” “Specific Populations,” and “Violence and Crime.” Entries range in length from several paragraphs to several pages and examine the impact of race on the administration of justice for Americans of all types: Asian, African, Hispanic, Native, and Caucasian. Also included are discussions of crime and justice as they relate to religious minorities. In unbiased, accessible prose, the entries explore historical topics at the intersection of race and crime, such as the Dred Scott case, the Elaine Massacre of 1919, and the Dyer Bill, while detailing timely topics like the Minuteman Project and tasers. The second volume closes with an index and two invaluable appendixes covering statistics on race and crime and web sites
with data on race and crime. The organization of the reader's guide—especially the groupings of landmark cases, race riots, and criminology theories—is impressive. **BOTTOM LINE** Other related titles lack the breadth, detail, and accessibility of this work. Gregg Barak and others' *Class, Race, Gender, and Crime: The Social Realities of Justice in America* lacks the focus on race, for instance, while Samuel Walker and others' *The Color of Justice: Race, Ethnicity, and Crime in America* is primarily focused on criminological theories. Recommended for all libraries; essential for comprehensive social studies collections.—Daniel Sifton, Cariboo Regional Dist. Lib., Williams Lake, B.C.