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for SOCIAL WORKERS

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To Eva, my partner in life and work.

To teachers, students, colleagues, and friends near and far in time and place, whose thoughts and practice this book reflects;

To people everywhere who pursue community where all are equal and free and human potential can flourish.

In memory of
Mohamed Bouazizi
March 29, 1984—January 4, 2011 whose self-immolation in Tunis on December 17, 2010 to protest dehumanizing oppression started the “Arab Spring”
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