

Books About Human Trafficking

Modern Slavery: A Beginner's Guide by Kevin Bales, Zoe Trodd, Alex Kent Williamson (2009)

Written by the world's leading experts, this shocking examination combines original research with first-hand stories from the slaves themselves to provide a reliable account of one of the worst humanitarian crises facing us today. Looking to the future, the authors offer hope with a global blueprint that proposes to end slavery in our lifetime

Up for Sale: Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery by Alison Marie Behnke (2015)

Up for Sale takes a hard look at human trafficking, identifying perpetrators and telling the stories of victims through their own words. You'll discover why some people become vulnerable to trafficking and you'll read about what their lives are like on a daily basis. You'll also meet some of the courageous individuals and organizations working to free people from lives in bondage so that, in the words of US president Barack Obama, each person can "forge a life equal to [their] talents and worthy of [their] dreams."

Human Trafficking and Exploitation by Alice Yick Flanagan, PhD, MSW – A NetCE online course

This course encompasses a basic overview of human trafficking. The course will attempt to provide practitioners with a glimpse of the realities of human trafficking victims' lives and the physical, psychological, social, and sexual abuse they experience. Specific interventions and responses are covered, including mental health, social services, educational, prevention, and legal efforts. Finally, for practitioners who do work with human trafficking victims, the emotional toll that it takes upon practitioners will be discussed. The course ends with an array of resources, including organizations/agencies, books, and films/documentaries focusing on the issue of human trafficking.

A Crime so Monstrous: Face to Face with Modern Slavery 2009, E. Benjamin Skinner

There are more slaves in the world today than at any time in history. After spending four years visiting a dozen countries where slavery flourishes, Skinner tells the story of individuals who live in slavery, those who have escaped from bondage, those who own or traffic in slaves, and the mixed political motives of those who seek to combat the crime.

Faraway: A Suburban Boy's Story as a Victim of Sex Trafficking, 2015, R.K. Kline and Daniel D. Maurer

When Kevin was fourteen years old he was just starting to understand his orientation as a gay teen living in a suburb of St. Louis. Then he met someone who he thought was his friend. This man was no friend, instead he coerced Kevin into child prostitution.

Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale: A Memoir, 2012, Rachel Lloyd

Girls Like Us is the story of Rachel Lloyd's escape from the commercial sex industry and her founding of GEMS, New York City's Girls Education and Mentoring Service to help other girls escape exploitation. Ms. Lloyd's memoir is a story of human abuse, enduring hope, and the promise of redemption.

Half the Sky: Tuning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, 2010, N. Kristof and S. WuDunn

Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn illustrate the pervasive oppression of women and girls in the developing world. Among the extraordinary women they write about is a Cambodian teenager sold into sex slavery who builds a thriving business that supports her family. Drawing on their combined reporting experience, the Kristof and WuDunn depict our world with anger, sadness, clarity, and, ultimately, hope.

The Slave Across the Street, 2010, Theresa Flores

Theresa Flores shares her life as an All-American, blue-eyed, blond-haired 15-year-old teenager enslaved into the world of sex trafficking while living in an upper-middle class suburb of Detroit and without her parents ever knowing about it. At the mercy of a large underground criminal ring, Ms. Flores endured more as a child than most will face in their entire lives.

The Slave Next Door Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today, by Kevin Bales (Author), Ron Soodalter (Author) August 2010 Second Edition

In this riveting book, authors and authorities on modern day slavery Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter expose the disturbing phenomenon of human trafficking and slavery that exists now in the United States. In *The Slave Next Door* we find that slaves are all around us, hidden in plain sight: the dishwasher in the kitchen of the neighborhood restaurant, the kids on the corner selling cheap trinkets, the man sweeping the floor of the local department store. In these pages we also meet some unexpected slaveholders, such as a 27-year old middle-class Texas housewife who is currently serving a life sentence for offences including slavery. Weaving together a wealth of voices—from slaves, slaveholders, and traffickers as well as from experts, counselors, law enforcement officers, rescue and support groups, and others—this book is also a call to action, telling what we, as private citizens, can do to finally bring an end to this horrific crime.

Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets One Helping Hand at a Time, 2012, Carissa Phelps and Larkin Warren

By the time she was twelve, Carissa Phelps had run away from home, dropped out of school, and fled blindly into the arms of a brutal pimp. Even when she escaped him, she could not outrun the crushing inner pain of abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Through the unexpected kindness of a teacher and a counselor, Carissa accomplished the unimaginable, graduating from UCLA with both a law degree and an MBA, and found herself back on the streets helping homeless and at-risk youth discover their own paths to a better life.

Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery, 2017, Siddharth Kara

Originally published in 2007, Siddharth Kara adds documentation to his ground-breaking work on the local factors and economic forces that support sexual slavery worldwide. After 15 years Kara has recorded nearly 900 cases of sex trafficking in forty-one countries and has helped advise on numerous legal, tactical and policy efforts for abolishing modern day slavery.

Walking Prey: How America's Youth Are Vulnerable to Sex Slavery, 2014, Holly Austin Smith

Holly Austin Smith argues that two cultural forces have made America's youth vulnerable to exploitation by sex traffickers: engagement in adult sexual attitudes and practices at younger ages and the pressure to conform. Speaking from experience Ms. Smith explains that without consistent positive guidance and engagement, many young people grow up with little self-worth making them particularly vulnerable to exploitation.

Websites:

National Human Trafficking Hotline: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>

Polaris Project: <https://polarisproject.org/>

Trafficking Statistics: <https://polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/facts>

Human Rights First: <https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/>

Slave Free Madison: <http://slavefreemadison.org/>

National Human Trafficking Hotline: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>

End Slavery Now: <https://www.endslaverynow.org/>

Slavery footprint survey: <http://slaveryfootprint.org/>

Know the Chain: <https://knowthechain.org/>

ECPAT USA: <https://www.ecpatusa.org/>

Who have signed the code: <http://www.thecode.org/who-have-signed/intro/>