

Human Trafficking Suggested Reading List

Non-Fiction:

1. **Girls Like Us:** *Fighting for a World Where Girls are Not for Sale, an Activist Finds Her Calling and Heals Herself* by Rachel Lloyd

At thirteen, Rachel Lloyd found herself caught up in a world of pain and abuse, struggling to survive as a child with no responsible adults to support her. Vulnerable yet tough, she eventually ended up a victim of commercial sexual exploitation. It took time and incredible resilience, but finally, with the help of a local church community, she broke free of her pimp and her past.



2. **Half the Sky:** *Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas D. Kristof

From two of our most fiercely moral voices, a passionate call to arms against our era's most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women and girls in the developing world.



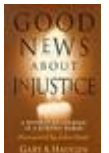
3. **The Slave Next Door:** *Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today* by Kevin Bales

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. 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.



4. **Good News About Injustice** by Gary Haugen

Accounts of injustice from our own communities and from around the world often leave us feeling outraged and helpless. We wonder what we can possibly do in response. And we wonder where is the God of justice? The good news about injustice is that God is against it. God is in the business of using the unlikely to perform the holy, Haugen contends. And in this book he not only offers stories of courageous witnesses past and present, he also calls the body of Christ to action. He offers concrete guidance on the ways and means its members can rise up to seek justice throughout the world.



5. **Beyond Our Control** *Restructuring Your Life After Sexual Assault* by Leila Rae Sommerfeld

A Biblical, Historical & Social Perspective about Rape. Restoration for women in recovery from the aftermath of rape and guidance for those who want to help them. A resource for survivors, friends, counselors, pastors, and sexual assault professionals.



6. **Oral Sex is the New Goodnight Kiss** by Sharlene Azam

This book is about the recent emergence of teenage prostitution rings in affluent Canadian suburbs. Attractive, white, high school girls - 13, 14 and 15 years old - are having sex with up to 7 men a night, several times a week, so they can go shopping. Other girls are selling their virginity for \$1000. These are not street prostitutes. "They are the prettiest girls from the most successful families," explains one expert.



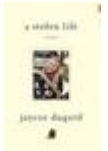
7. **Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress** by Melissa Farley

Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress offers the reader an analysis of prostitution and trafficking as organized interpersonal violence. Even in academia, law, and public health, prostitution is often misunderstood as "sex work." The book's 32 contributors offer clinical examples, analysis, and original research that counteract common myths about the harmlessness of prostitution.



8. **A Stolen Life: A Memoir** by Jaycee Dugard

In the summer of June of 1991, I was a normal kid. I did normal things. I had friends and a mother that loved me. I was just like you. Until the day my life was stolen. For eighteen years I was a prisoner. I was an object for someone to use and abuse. For eighteen years I was not allowed to speak my own name. I became a mother and was forced to be a sister. For eighteen years I survived an impossible situation.



Fiction:

9. **Sold** by Patricia McCormick

Lakshmi is a thirteen-year-old girl who lives with her family in a small hut on a mountain in Nepal. Though she is desperately poor, her life is full of simple pleasures, like playing hopscotch with her best friend from school, and having her mother brush her hair by the light of an oil lamp. But when the harsh Himalayan monsoons wash away all that remains of the family's crops, Lakshmi's stepfather says she must leave home and take a job to support her family. He introduces her to a glamorous stranger who tells her she will find her a job as a maid in the city. Glad to be able to help, Lakshmi journeys to India and arrives at "Happiness House" full of hope. But she soon learns the unthinkable truth: she has been sold into prostitution.



10. **A Walk Across the Sun** by Corban Addison

Corban Addison leads readers on a chilling, eye-opening journey into Mumbai's seedy underworld--and the nightmare of two orphaned girls swept into the international sex trade.

