

END TRAFFICKING SUGGESTED FILMS AND BOOKS

NOTE: Given the sensitive nature of this subject, some content in these films and books may not be appropriate for all audiences.

FILMS

Call + Response (2008)

callandresponse.com/about.php

Running Time: 86 minutes

Featuring a cast of actors, artists, and musicians, *Call + Response* reveals that there are more slaves today than ever before in human history. The documentary goes deep undercover where slavery is thriving -- from the child brothels of Cambodia to the slave brick kilns of rural India.

The Dark Side of Chocolate (2010)

Running Time: 46 minutes

A team of journalists investigates how the worldwide chocolate industry is fueled by human trafficking and child slave labor in the Ivory Coast and Ghana, where more than half of the world's chocolate comes from.

Invisible Slaves, UNICEF & Calle13 (2012)

mtvexit.org/la

Running Time: 23 minutes

This documentary provides firsthand accounts of trafficking in Latin America and served as the centerpiece of a joint MTV and UNICEF campaign to raise awareness among vulnerable populations about the prevalence of human trafficking within Latin American and U.S. Hispanic communities.

Not My Life (2011)

notmylife.org

Running Time: 64 minutes

Not My Life takes us on a tour of modern-day slavery around the world, from the garbage dumps of India, to the all too familiar truck stops of the United States where young girls are forced to prostitute themselves. *Not My Life* is a powerful documentary that forces viewers to face the reality of trafficking.

Very Young Girls (2009)

gems-girls.org/get-involved/very-young-girls

Running Time: 83 minutes

This film chronicles the journey of young women through the world of commercial sexual exploitation in New York City. It highlights the work of activist Rachel Lloyd, a survivor of that world, who founded the recovery organization GEMS to provide help and hope to victims of the sex trade.

The Whistleblower (2011)

thewhistleblower-movie.com

Running Time: 112 min

Inspired by true events, this is the story of an American policewoman, Kathryn Bolkovac (Rachel Weisz), who signs on as a UN peacekeeper in post-war Bosnia, only to discover UN complicity in a booming sex trafficking trade.

BOOKS

A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern Day Slavery, E. Benjamin Skinner

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. (Amazon)

Girls Like Us: Fighting for a World Where Girls Are Not for Sale, an Activist Finds Her Calling and Heals Herself, Rachel Lloyd

In *Girls Like Us*, Lloyd reveals the dark world of commercial sex trafficking in cinematic detail and tells the story of her groundbreaking nonprofit organization: GEMS, Girls Educational and Mentoring Services. With great humanity, she shares the stories of the girls whose lives GEMS has helped — small victories that have healed her wounds and made her whole. (Amazon)

Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade and How We Can Fight It, David Batstone

Award-winning journalist David Batstone reveals what slavery looks like around the world by investigating the problem in places like Thailand, India, Uganda, Europe, Peru, and the U.S. The book weaves in facts and theories to help the reader understand not only the face of modern-day slavery but also the complex inner workings of the underground industry.

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

Drawing upon his background in finance, economics, and law, Kara provides a business analysis of contemporary slavery worldwide, focusing on its most profitable and barbaric form: sex trafficking. He includes recommendations for specific legal, tactical, and policy measures that would target the most vulnerable sectors of the trafficking industry and help to abolish sex slavery. (Amazon)

The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today, Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter

The Slave Next Door reveals that slaves are all around us in the United States, 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. Weaving together a wealth of voices – including those of slaves, slaveholders, and traffickers as well as counselors, law enforcement officers, rescue and support groups, and others -- this book is a call to action, sharing what we can do to finally bring an end to this horrific crime. (Amazon)

Understanding Global Slavery, Kevin Bales

Bales investigates slavery's historical, explores our basic ideas about what slavery is and how the phenomenon fits into our moral, political, and economic worlds. Throughout, Bales emphasizes that to end global slavery, we must first understand it. This book is a step in that direction. (Amazon)

Sold, Patricia McCormick

After a monsoon devastates the family's farm in Nepal, Lakshmi's stepfather says she must leave home and take a job to support her family. He introduces her to a glamorous stranger who promises her a job as a maid in the city. Upon arrival, however, Lakshmi is faced with the grave reality of her situation: she has been sold into prostitution. *Sold* is the story of this young girl's experience struggling to survive and ultimately escape a world of exploitation and abuse.

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Somebody's Daughter: The Hidden Story of America's Prostituted Children and the Battle to Save Them, Julian Sher

Many people wrongly believe sex trafficking only involves young women from foreign lands. In reality, the majority of teens caught in the sex trade are American girls – runaways and throwaways who become victims of ruthless pimps. *Somebody's Daughter*, portrays the girls who are fighting for their dignity, the cops who are trying to rescue them, and the community activists battling to protect the nation's most forsaken children. (Amazon)