

BOOK GROUP TO MEET MONDAY, JANUARY 30 AT 6:45

The book group will meet on January 30 at 6:45 pm at Willow Book Store to discuss human trafficking. We have asked people to read a book on the topic and then discuss our thoughts. Below are books suggested by Nola Sheffer who has also arranged for a speaker on this topic; Dr. Mei Mei Ellerman will speak on March 1st.

The following suggested books were purchased for the Acton Library Collection:

Girls Like Us by Rachel Lloyd (from The Polaris Project list) *The author of this book runs shelters for girls who, like her, have been Trafficked, and the book shares the stories of many girls.*

A Crime So Monstrous, Face-to-Face with Modern Day Slavery by E. Benjamin Skinner (*Sex trafficking in the U.S.*) *Cover and inside pages include praise from many well-known figures. Author gathered info over a period of 5 years, interviewing over 100 slaves scattered across 12 countries, including Haiti, Sudan, Romania, & India*

The Slave Next Door - Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today by Kevin Bales & Ron Scodalter *This book focuses on slave labor, both groups and domestic workers. "Made in America" may not actually be the continental US, e.g. American Samoa; we may use "slave tainted commodities, including what we eat, wear - both clothes & shoes, as well as iron & steel.*

Not for Sale: the return of the Global Slave Trade-and How We Can Fight It by David Batstone [Nola has an earlier edition of this available for loan] *This book has chapters on the U.S., Thailand, India, Uganda, Europe, and Peru. The slavery issues include child soldiers, and laborers, as well as sex.*

These books are part of the wider Minuteman Collection:

Sex trafficking:Inside the business of Modern Slavery by Siddarth Kara

Sexual Enslavment of Girls and Women by Andrea Parrot and Nina Cummings

Human Trafficking, Human Misery by Alexis A.Aronowitz

Pornland: How Porn Has Hijacked Our Sexuality by Gail Dines (*recommended by our speaker, Dr. Ellerman*)

Also recommended "Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy" By Kevin Bales and *Half the Sky*, by Kristof & WuDunn

Please join us at Willow Books on Monday, January 30 at 6:45

Any questions, contact Diane Schaumburg

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We have also selected books for future dates:

Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right by Atul Gawanda will be our February book. We will read ***That Used to Be Us*** by Thomas Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum for March and ***King Leopold's Ghost: A Story of Greed, Terror and Heroism in Colonial Africa*** by Adam Hochschild for April.

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, there is a new book out about the abolition movement in Boston. Barbara Bension is the coauthor of *Walking Tours of Civil War Boston: A Hub of Abolitionism*. The book group is thinking about following the walking tour mentioned in the book and then having lunch in the North End. This would be sometime in the Spring or Summer. Some people think the walking tour is a good idea but suggested other books about the abolition movement. So far suggestions include ***Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid that Sparked the Civil War*** by Tony Horwitz and ***The Secret Six: John Brown and the Abolitionist Movement*** by Otto Scott.