



## RECOMMENDED READING | HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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### INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

*The Justice God is Seeking: Responding to the Heart of God Through Compassionate Worship, David Ruis.*

The issues of the poor and oppressed in this world are not removed from our worship of God - in fact, to serve the poor is to worship. When we capture God's heart for the poor and broken, we begin to move toward action: This is worship. In "The Justice God is Seeking", David Ruis explores how drawing near to God softens our hearts and opens us up to the need for salvation that is all around us. Worship and compassion are linked in the Scriptures and they must be woven through- out our lives. Here is a passionate exhortation to love like Jesus loves and to experience worship that is touched by brokenness and a longing for things to be set right. Therein lies the justice God is seeking.

*The Good News About Injustice, Gary Haugen*

#### **Book Description**

International news accounts describe mind-blowing horrors of child prostitution, state-sponsored religious persecution, racial violence, torture and genocide. What can we possibly do in response? Can ordinary Christians make a difference? And where is the God of justice?

The good news about injustice is that God is against it. Gary Haugen explains that God is in the business of using the unlikely to accomplish justice and mercy. This book offers stories of courageous Christians who have stood up for justice and also calls the body of Christ to action. Haugen provides concrete guidance on how Christians can rise up to seek justice throughout the world.

"God has called us to love what he loves and despise what he despises. Gary Haugen and the International Justice Mission have taken this call seriously. They have adopted lives committed to stamping out the injustices of the world. This book has opened my heart to a greater sense of compassion for those victims caught in the grip of severe persecution as well as given me newly directed passion to be a part of God's redemptive work surrounding humanitarian injustice. Be careful, the contents of this book will inspire us all to take action. It will change both the reader and the world." Dan Haseltine, lead singer, Jars of Clay

"I defy anybody to emerge from exposure to this book unscathed. In fact, my advice to would-be readers is 'Don't! Leave the book alone!'--unless you are willing to be shocked, challenged, persuaded and transformed." John Stott, from the foreword

*The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer That Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World*, Richard Stearns

Is our faith just about going to church, studying the Bible and avoiding the most serious sins—or does God expect more?

Have we embraced the whole gospel or a gospel with a hole in it?

Ten years ago, Rich Stearns came face-to-face with that question as he sat in a mud hut in Rakai, Uganda, listening to the heartbreaking story of an orphaned child. Stearns' journey there took much more than a long flight to Africa. It took answering God's call on his life, a call that tore him out of his corner office at one of America's most prestigious corporations—to walk with the poorest of the poor in our world.

*The Hole in Our Gospel* is the compelling true story of a corporate CEO who set aside worldly success for something far more significant, and discovered the full power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to change his own life. He uses his journey to demonstrate how the gospel—the whole gospel—was always meant to be a world changing social revolution, a revolution that begins with us.

*When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor . . . and Yourself*, Steve Corbett, Brian Finkert.

With more than 225,000 copies sold, *When Helping Hurts* is a paradigm-forming contemporary classic on the subject of poverty alleviation and ministry to those in need. Emphasizing the poverty of both heart and society, this book exposes the need that every person has and how it can be filled. The reader is brought to understand that poverty is much more than simply a lack of financial or material resources and that it takes much more than donations and handouts to solve the problem of poverty.

While this book exposes past and current development efforts that churches have engaged in which unintentionally undermine the people they're trying to help, its central point is to provide proven strategies that challenge Christians to help the poor empower themselves. Focusing on both North American and Majority World contexts, *When Helping Hurts* catalyzes the idea that sustainable change for people living in poverty comes not from the outside-in, but from the inside-out.

*Social Justice Handbook: Small Steps for a Better World*, Mae Cannon.

2010 *Outreach Magazine* Resource of the Year award winner: justice category. Every day we are confronted by challenging societal problems, from poverty and institutional racism to AIDS and homelessness. It can all seem so overwhelming. But while none of us can do everything, all of us can do something. This handbook will help you discover what you can do. Mae Elise Cannon provides a comprehensive resource for Christians like you who are committed to social justice. She presents biblical rationale for justice and explains a variety of Christian approaches to doing justice. Tracing the history of Christians in social engagement, she lifts out role models and examples from the Great Awakenings to the civil rights movement. A wide-ranging catalog of topics and issues give background info about justice issues at home and abroad, such as

- sex trafficking
- domestic violence
- living wage initiatives
- debt relief
- environmental stewardship
- bioethics

This handbook includes dozens of practical exercises for taking action, as well as profiles of key figures and movements like William Wilberforce, the Salvation Army

and Bono, highlighting how Christians and churches can make a difference. Also included are spiritual practices and resources to help us move from immobility to advocacy. God has always worked through his people to accomplish improbable tasks, and he can use you too. This handbook will be an essential companion for living justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with your God.

*Freeing God's Children: The Unlikely Alliance for Global Human Rights*, Allen Hertzke

**From Publishers Weekly**

Why would liberal Jewish groups team up with conservative Pentecostals to fight human rights abuses? What issues might prompt the Catholic Church to work together with Tibetan Buddhists? In this engaging book, Hertzke, who teaches religion and political science at the University of Oklahoma, argues that 21st-century religious and political activism has made for some strange bedfellows. As religious persecution increases in Africa, Asia and other parts of the world—and most of the West continues to ignore the mounting death toll—some courageous people have banded together to fight for religious freedom and human rights around the world. With surprisingly accessible writing and memorable stories of activists and the victims of religious persecution, Hertzke explores the rise of unexpected religious alliances in the struggles against sex trafficking, against the persecution of Christians in Indonesia and elsewhere, and against the atrocities in Sudan and the repression in Tibet. One startling trend that emerges is the new interest America's evangelical Christians have evinced in world issues. Hertzke paints a fascinating, and ultimately optimistic, picture of the way that individuals of many different religious backgrounds have chosen to work together on human rights issues. In doing so, he analyzes a neglected aspect of the paradigm shift in religion today, in which affiliation matters far less than ideological affinity.

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**INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

*Ending Slavery: How to Free Today's Slaves*, Kevin Bales

**From Publishers Weekly**

Starred Review. Bales (*Understanding Global Slavery*) provides a guide for eliminating the plague of slavery that continues to this day, involving some 27 million slaves worldwide producing \$13 billion in goods and services. Bales provides a thorough overview of slavery, including its history, its methods, the lives

of its victims around the world and the conditions under which it flourishes (modern slaves "are cheap, and they are disposable"); most importantly, Bales has put together guides to action at every level, from the individual to the community to the United Nations, in a six-point plan that includes protecting, arming and cloning "the liberators," enacting and enforcing effective antislavery legislation and, perhaps most important (and overlooked), helping freed slaves heal ("liberation is just the first step on a long road"). Alongside those goals, Bales also considers practical matters, including fundraising, increasing awareness among the general public and convincing governments to pay attention: though "all political leaders denounce slavery," its numbers are still up, "perpetrators go uncaught... and the minimal resources needed to rehabilitate freed slaves are not available." Shocking, saddening, angering and inspiring, this volume reveals in full a side of the global market many Americans simply do not know about, clueing readers in on "the extent of their own involvement in global slavery," and the unthinkable injustices that could be taking place even in their local communities.

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*Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy*, Kevin Bales

### **From Amazon**

The horror of slavery, says Kevin Bales, is "not confined to history." It is not only possible that slave labor is responsible for the shoes on your feet or your daily consumption of sugar, he writes, the products of forced labor filter even more quietly into a broad portion of daily Western life. "They made the bricks for the factory that made the TV you watch. In Brazil slaves made the charcoal that tempered the steel that made the springs in your car and the blade on your lawnmower.... Slaves keep your costs low and returns on your investments high." The exhaustive research in *Disposable People* shows that at least 27 million people are currently enslaved around the world. Bales, considered the world's leading expert on contemporary slavery, reveals the historical and economic conditions behind this resurgence. From Thailand, Mauritania, Brazil, Pakistan, and India, Bales has gathered stories of people in unthinkable conditions, kept in bondage to support their owners' lives. Bales insists that even a small effort from a large number of people could end slavery, and devotes a large chapter to explaining the practical means by which this might be accomplished. "Are we willing to live in a world with slaves?" he asks. As a sign of his commitment, all his royalties from *Disposable People* will go toward the fight against slavery. --*Maria Dolan*

*NOT FOR SALE: THE RETURN OF THE GLOBAL SLAVE TRADE – AND HOW WE CAN FIGHT IT*, David Batstone.

A collection of interviews and stories of what human trafficking looks like across the world, as well as highlighting modern-day abolitionists.

*Prostitution, Trafficking and Traumatic Stress*, Melissa Farley

**Book Description**

*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.

*Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress* extensively documents the violence that runs like a constant thread throughout all types of prostitution, including escort, brothel, trafficking, strip club, and street prostitution. Prostitutes are always subjected to verbal sexual harassment and often have a lengthy history of trauma, including childhood sexual abuse and emotional neglect, economic discrimination, rape, and racism.

International in scope, the book contains cutting-edge contributions from clinical experts in traumatic stress, from attorneys and advocates who work with trafficked women and children and prostituted women. A number of chapters address the complexity of treating the psychological symptoms resulting from prostitution. Others address the survivor's need for social supports, substance abuse treatment, peer support and culturally relevant services.

*Human Traffic*, Crag McGill

**Book Description:** People smuggling is now a more lucrative illicit industry than drug smuggling. *Human Traffic* is the first general interest book to examine this phenomenon, and the only book that takes a global overview of this criminal activity.

There are more than five million illegal aliens residing in the U.S. alone. They mostly come from Mexico, the Philippines, India, Vietnam and China. But how did they get into the country? And who helped them? *Human Traffic* is the first book to investigate these questions, and it contains interviews from the individuals and

criminal gangs that mastermind the unlawful movement of people across international borders.

Investigative journalist Craig McGill also examines the people who are willing to risk their life savings, and sometimes even their lives, in order to escape poverty by moving to the West. He finds that the smugglers' promises of a new and better life often amount to nothing, and frequently the migrants find themselves in worse circumstances than they were before. Through powerful interviews, the reader learns what it is like to be an illegal immigrant -- the difficulties that the lack of an official identity can bring, the strain of a secret existence and, in all too many cases, the devastation of being sold into sexual and economic slavery.

*Human Traffic* will appeal to anyone with an interest in immigration matters, as it is a balanced investigation that looks at the issue on a truly global level. With chapters on North America, Europe, Australasia and the Far East, as well as first-person accounts from the smugglers and the smuggled, this book is a timely insight into a growing North American problem.

## **CHILD TRAFFICKING AND CHILD COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

*Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Youth Involved in Prostitution, Pornography & Sex Trafficking*, Laura A. Barnitz

**Book Description:** Around the world hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of children are involved in the sex trade. This booklet provides an overview of factors that put children at risk of entering the sex trade and identifies the practices of those who profit from and abuse these children. The booklet also enumerates efforts to stop this abuse, as outlined by the First World Congress Against the Commercial Exploitation of Children.

*Sex Trafficking : The Global Market in Women and Children*, Kathryn Farr

### **Book Description**

One million people are trafficked into the sex industry each year, and in this timely study Kathryn Farr documents the macro and micro impact of trafficking women and children into the industry on a global scale. Farr looks not only at the victims

themselves, but also at the men and women who control the trade, organized crime, economic conditions that push it along, and the military's role in perpetuating its demand. *Sex Trafficking* can be incorporated into a variety of courses in sociology, social problems, culture and sexuality, history, and women's studies.

*Children In The Global Sex Trade*, Julia O'Connell Davidson

**Book Description:** This compelling new book explores the complexities of the global child sex industry, but without falling into cliché and melodrama. Julia O'Connell Davidson draws attention to the multitude of ways in which children become implicated in the sex trade, and the devastating global political and economic inequalities that underpin their involvement. She sensitively unpicks the relationship between different aspects of the sexual exploitation of children, including trafficking, prostitution and pornography, at the same time challenging popular conceptions of childhood and sexuality. This thought-provoking book will be of interest to general readers, and to students taking a range of courses, such as gender studies and childhood studies, and courses on sexuality and globalization.

*Woman, Child for Sale: The New Slave Trade in the 21st Century*, Gilbert King

**From Publishers Weekly**

Fast on the heels of the State Department's annual report on human trafficking comes this brief but frightening look at a \$12-billion-a-year global industry. It's essentially a clip job—King's research into today's slave trade is based on remarks by concerned politicians, news stories and prior academic works, as well as on an exhaustive, chapter-long recap of the aforementioned 2003 Trafficking in Persons Report—but it is a valuable compilation of stories and statistics. A brief look at the history of slavery gives an overview of bondage in the Greco-Roman empire and a timeline of the African slave trade. Short recitations of trafficking case studies—a 14-year-old Thai girl whose promised "good job" turned out to be prostitution, dozens of Peruvian nationals forced to work in factories and turn their wages over to a Long Island family—serve as illustrative but cursory examples. The information here, though cobbled together from prior sources, is inherently thought-provoking and is set forth clearly if inelegantly. Those seeking a quick course in the deplorable milieu of modern slave trafficking will find King's volume useful.

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## ASIA

*Forbidden Workers*, Peter Kwong

### **From Library Journal**

During the Golden Adventure fiasco in 1993, a ship carrying illegal Chinese immigrants was intercepted in New York harbor, generating a fever of public attention on Chinese illegal immigration. Kwong (Asian American studies, Hunter Coll.) explores a dark side of American realities that create the conditions that encourage human smuggling and modern slavery. At the heart of the issue lies the ever-strong demand of American business for vulnerable, docile, and unprotected labor. As Kwong notes, the illegal immigrant problem must be viewed and understood in the context of the underlying supply-and-demand principle enshrined in traditional U.S. economics. Kwong carefully traces the origin of Chinese illegal immigration, the external causes, and the internal problems related to American labor laws and union issues. The result is a provocative and alarming book that should appeal to a wide audience. Recommended for all libraries.

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*Child Prostitution in Thailand: Listening to Rahab*, Siroj Sorajjakool, PhD

### **From Hawthorn Press**

In Thailand, a thriving sex industry makes its money exploiting the young. Some children are coerced into prostitution and some have been sold into sexual slavery by their own families, but just as tragically there is no shortage of young girls (and boys) willing to work as prostitutes. *Child Prostitution in Thailand: Listening to Rahab* searches for the reasons why. This uniquely insightful book looks into the lives--and even more importantly, listens to the words--of ten Thai prostitutes. *Child Prostitution in Thailand* is about what we can learn from them--who they are, what they go through, and why.

*Trafficking in Women and Children in India*, New Deli, Orient Longman, 2005

**Summary:** In a globalising world, trafficking in women and children for their economic and sexual exploitation continues. This book presents the research findings of Action Research on Trafficking in Women and Children in India (ARTWAC) that involved the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the National Human Rights Commission and the Institute of Social Sciences. The

workings and processes of this unethical and illegal activity in India were uncovered and understood by researchers from ISS, New Delhi and several other partner NGOs from all over India who surveyed about 4,000 people across 12 Indian states, including traffickers, victims and survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, the 'clients', brothel owners, police officials and children working as bonded labor.

Firmly grounded in a human rights approach, the first section of the book analyses the data generated by ARTWAC and gives detailed recommendations for improved judicial interventions, law enforcement and community participation in anti-trafficking strategies. The second section contains a rich collection of case studies, giving an on-ground picture of how exploiters have little or no respect for the rights of victims of trafficking. *Trafficking in Women and Children in India* is a must-have reference manual for those involved in judicial and legal interventions into the trafficking trade and for those involved in the struggle for upholding the rights of women and children in India.

## **EASTERN EUROPE**

*The Natashas: Inside the New Global Sex Trade*, Victor Malarek

### **From Publishers Weekly**

Award-winning Canadian journalist Malarek reports on the most recent wave in the global sex trade, sparked by the breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991. According to the U.S. State Department, at least 800,000–900,000 impoverished young women, many of them orphans, from Eastern and Central Europe, are lured with promises of jobs as waitresses, nannies or maids in Western Europe or North America. Instead, they find themselves imprisoned in apartments, massage parlors or brothels in countries ranging from South Korea, Bosnia and Japan to Israel and Germany. With "ruthless efficiency," in the words of one European official, Russian and other organized crime syndicates control this human trade, which offers high profits with little risk of interference thanks to "complacency, complicity, and corruption" on the part of national governments and law enforcement. One of the more horrific examples Malarek offers involves sex slaves in Bosnia who serviced NATO and UN peacekeepers after the war in 1995. Malarek recounts the affecting first-person stories of numerous victims. The author has excellent research skills and clearly makes his case with the hope of creating enough outrage to stop this traffic in women. However, his hyperbolic, tabloid style of writing is distracting. The facts are horrendous enough to speak for themselves.

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*For Sale: Women and Children - Trafficking and Forced Prostitution in Southeast Europe*,  
Igor Davor Gaon, Nancy Forbord

### **From Amazon**

This book details how the women and children of Southeast Europe are entrapped by the web of human trafficking and then bought and sold like chattel for enormous profits from prostitution and pornography. It is estimated that the buying and selling of human beings worldwide generates as much as seven billion US dollars in income per year. Of approximately 700,000 women and children around the world who become victims of some kind of human trafficking each year, as many as 200,000 of them pass through the Balkans. Southeast Europe has thus become a major center for trafficking in women and children for prostitution. This book details the enormity of this phenomenon, how it happens, who is responsible, the role of organized crime, the plight of the victims, and what is being done and can be done to help the victims and prevent more women and children from ending up in the nightmare of trafficking. The book presents the victim's perspective with stories of how they were lured by traffickers, what they experienced on the streets and in brothels, and how they struggled to make their way out of sexual slavery only to find other difficulties as they returned to their home countries or tried to build new lives abroad.

*For Sale: Women and Children - Trafficking and Forced Prostitution in Southeast Europe* provides an opportunity to learn about the roots of trafficking in human beings; its complexity, how it affects the individual and region, and what can be done to eliminate it. International, state, local, and individual actions can be taken to prevent trafficking, to protect victims, and to effectively prosecute those involved. This book shows why it will take a firm commitment by all to end this modern day slavery.

## **UNITED STATES**

*The Sexual Trafficking in Children*, Daniel i S. Campagna, Donald L. Poffenberger

"Minors have been, are, and apparently will continue to be the most sexually exploited class of citizens in the United States."—Daniel S. Campagna and Donald L. Poffenberger

### **Book Description**

This illuminating, sensitive volume confronts this disturbing social problem by providing much-needed information on the crimes, the perpetrators, and the victims of the child sex trade--information that social service practitioners, law enforcement agencies, advocacy groups, and legislators must have to deal effectively with the problem. Based on five years of field research, the study examines the dynamics and characteristics of participants in various under-age sex markets, such as child pornography, juvenile prostitution, sex tourism, indenturing, and sex rings. It includes extensive interviews with victims, exploiters, and agency practitioners; field observations of juvenile prostitutions and their pimps and customers in several cities; and case studies derived from the files of police departments and social service agencies. Efforts to help victims overcome the psychological and practical impacts of their experiences are described, as are law enforcement approaches and judicial responses.

*The Slave Across the Street*, Teresa Flores.

An autobiographical account of a survivor of child sex trafficking in the United States. The trafficking of a "normal American teen from the suburbs" proves that human trafficking doesn't only happen overseas.

*Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings: All Roads Lead to America*, Sheldon X. Zhang

### **From Amazon**

Coming to America to make a better life has long been a dream of many from around the world, even if it means being voluntarily smuggled into the country to gain entry. Perhaps more ominously, various criminal elements now traffic people to the United States--especially vulnerable groups like women and children from poor nations--against their will for sexual exploitation, slavery, and other illicit, underground purposes. The implications for the United States are potentially staggering. This book examines how for-profit human smuggling and trafficking activities to the United States are carried out and explores the legal and policy challenges of dealing with these problems. Zhang covers the scope and patterns of global human trafficking and smuggling activities; the strategies and methods employed by various groups to bring individuals into the United States; major smuggling routes and venues; the involvement of organized criminal organizations in transnational human smuggling activities; and the challenges confronting the U.S. government in combating these activities.

*International and Domestic Trends in Sex Trafficking of Women in the United States*, by Janice G. Raymond

**Book Description:** This study by the Coalition Against Trafficking Women was the first to research both contemporary international and domestic trafficking of women for sexual exploitation in the United States and to include primary research information from interviews with trafficked and prostituted women in the sex industry. Telephone and personal interviews were conducted with people who had experience with or knowledge of sex trafficking in the United States. This data collection consists of the verbatim questions and responses from the following groups of individuals who were interviewed: (1) international and United States women who had been or were in the sex industry in the United States, (2) law enforcement officials who had experience and expertise in sex-industry related cases or immigration, (3) social service workers who provided services to women in prostitution or might have come into contact with women from the sex industry and those providing services to immigrant populations, and (4) health care workers who provided services to women in prostitution or who may have come into contact with women in the sex industry. The research framework was developed to follow the path of trafficked women from their hometown, through their experiences in the sex industry, to their present place in life.

## **CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

*IN MODERN BONDAGE: SEX TRAFFICKING IN THE AMERICAS - National and Regional Overview of Central America and the Caribbean*, David E. Guinn, Elissa Steglich, Editors

*In Modern Bondage: Sex Trafficking In The Americas* presents the result of The International Human Rights Law Institute's recent trailblazing study. Based upon individual country reports from Belize, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua & Panama, the book also includes a regional overview highlighting the interplay and interrelationships between trafficking within an individual country and the larger Central American region. It identifies both existing problems in current efforts to confront trafficking and highlights the most successful efforts or best practices adopted by some of the countries. The report also includes recommendations on how to address the problem of sex trafficking.

## **TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE, ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT**

*Bury the Chains: Prophets and Rebels in the Fight to Free an Empire's Slaves*, Adam Hochschild.

A journalist-historian approach to recapturing the ingenuity of the key activists who gave birth to the social movement that led to the abolition of African slavery in the British empire.

*Moral Capital: Foundations of British Abolitionism*, Christopher Leslie Brown

Revisiting the origins of the British antislavery movement of the late eighteenth century, Christopher Leslie Brown challenges prevailing scholarly arguments that locate the roots of abolitionism in economic determinism or bourgeois humanitarianism. Brown instead connects the shift from sentiment to action to changing views of empire and nation in Britain at the time, particularly the anxieties and dislocations spurred by the American Revolution. The debate over the political rights of the North American colonies pushed slavery to the fore, Brown argues, giving antislavery organizing the moral legitimacy in Britain it had never had before. The first emancipation schemes were dependent on efforts to strengthen the role of the imperial state in an era of weakening overseas authority. By looking at the initial public contest over slavery, Brown connects disparate strands of the British Atlantic world and brings into focus shifting developments in British identity, attitudes toward Africa, definitions of imperial mission, the rise of Anglican evangelicalism, and Quaker activism. Demonstrating how challenges to the slave system could serve as a mark of virtue rather than evidence of eccentricity, Brown shows that the abolitionist movement derived its power from a profound yearning for moral worth in the aftermath of defeat and American independence. Thus abolitionism proved to be a cause for the abolitionists themselves as much as for enslaved Africans.

*Inhuman Bondage: The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World*, David Brion Davis

David Brion Davis has long been recognized as the leading authority on slavery in the Western World. His books have won every major history award--including the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award--and he has been universally praised for his prodigious research, his brilliant analytical skill, and his rich and powerful prose. Now, in *Inhuman Bondage*, Davis sums up a lifetime of insight in what Stanley L. Engerman calls "a monumental and magisterial book, the essential work on New

World slavery for several decades to come."

Davis begins with the dramatic *Amistad* case, which vividly highlights the international character of the Atlantic slave trade and the roles of the American judiciary, the presidency, the media, and of both black and white abolitionists. The heart of the book looks at slavery in the American South, describing black slaveholding planters, the rise of the Cotton Kingdom, the daily life of ordinary slaves, the highly destructive internal, long-distance slave trade, the sexual exploitation of slaves, the emergence of an African-American culture, and much more. But though centered on the United States, the book offers a global perspective spanning four continents. It is the only study of American slavery that reaches back to ancient foundations (discussing the classical and biblical justifications for chattel bondage) and also traces the long evolution of anti-black racism (as in the writings of David Hume and Immanuel Kant, among many others). Equally important, it combines the subjects of slavery and abolitionism as very few books do, and it illuminates the meaning of nineteenth-century slave conspiracies and revolts, with a detailed comparison with 3 major revolts in the British Caribbean. It connects the actual life of slaves with the crucial place of slavery in American politics and stresses that slavery was integral to America's success as a nation--not a marginal enterprise.

A definitive history by a writer deeply immersed in the subject, *Inhuman Bondage* offers a compelling narrative that links together the profits of slavery, the pain of the enslaved, and the legacy of racism. It is the ultimate portrait of the dark side of the American dream. Yet it offers an inspiring example as well--the story of how abolitionists, barely a fringe group in the 1770s, successfully fought, in the space of a hundred years, to defeat one of human history's greatest evils.