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provides a good overview of human trafficking in the United States and is readable for the average person. Each chapter covers a specific form of trafficking through life story and then gives further explanation of the issues of trafficking ending with questions relevant to the information covered in the chapter. The book is clear, concise and easily read. We are using this book specifically for a church book read as an additional way to inform members of our parish about the issues of human trafficking in conjunction with an education program in our community and in partnership with 2 local HT organizations. Some books we considered were too disturbing for a large book read. The sad part of this effort is the more we educate and discuss in our parish, the more people are coming forward with personal experience and exposure to Human Trafficking in our suburban backyard. The only reason I rated this book a 4 rather than 5 is the questions at the end of each chapter are more like test questions with factual answers that can be found by reading the text as opposed to discussion questions that might get at the moral and responsive aspect of this horrific fact of our culture. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Read it! By Cool Cucumber Heartbreaking, but something we ALL need to read. We need to grow our awareness of these issues, and spread the word. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nita Belle has written an educational and informative book about ... By B. Diane Vchulek Nita Belle has written an educational and informative book about the Human Trafficking issue that is occurring under our noses--"in our backyard". Her passion for those who have been enslaved by people who worship money and will go to any lengths to obtain it is obvious. When you see her in action, she is fearless in her need to offer help to those caught in this trap. I count myself lucky to have her as a friend and to be able to learn and share information in her company. Thank you Nita!!

In recent years, Americans have woken up to the reality that human trafficking is not just something that happens in other countries. But what most still do not understand is that neither is it something that just happens to "other people" such as runaways or the disenfranchised. The human trafficker is no respecter of faith, education, or socioeconomic status, and even kids who are raised in solid families in middle and upper class suburbs can fall victim. Likewise, labor trafficking happens in our cities, neighborhoods, and rural areas. Through true stories and years of boots-on-the-ground experience, including at the Super Bowl, anti-trafficking expert Nita Belles teaches readers everything they need to know about human trafficking in the United States and what they can do to join the fight against it. She helps concerned parents, friends, teachers, law enforcement, government officials, and other leaders understand all forms of trafficking, identify risk factors, and take practical steps to keep their loved ones and neighbors safe from predators.

From the Back Cover Modern slavery is happening all around you--and you can be part of the solution Human trafficking is not just something that happens in other countries. Neither is it something that just happens to "other people" such as runaways or the disenfranchised. Even kids in your own neighborhood can fall victim. But they don't have to. Through true stories and expertise from her many years of boots-on-the-ground experience, anti-trafficking expert Nita Belles teaches you everything you need to know about human trafficking in the United States, helping you identify risk factors, take practical steps to keep your loved ones and neighbors safe from predators, and recognize trafficking around you in order to help fight it. "The aptly titled *In Our Backyard* is superb. Belles compellingly calls for action based on the truth that every human life is of equal, enormous value." --Mark Lagon, former US ambassador and director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP) "A vital resource and tool that should be required reading for every concerned citizen." --Francine Rivers, author of *Redeeming Love* "Information is power. In this well-written, arresting book, we have the information we need to defend those we love most." --Frank Schaeffer, author of *Why I Am an Atheist Who Believes in God* "Nita Belles's book detailing the shocking reality of forced labor and sex trafficking in the United States is a must read." --Lynne Hybels, author, cofounder of Willow Creek Community Church "Every one of us can make a difference to end one of the greatest evils of our times, and in *In Our Backyard*, Nita Belles shows us how to do just that." --Anna Bastian, Bastian Center for the Study of Human Trafficking "Not to be missed, this book can and will change lives only when individuals open their eyes (and hearts) to the trafficking going on around them in their own communities (and then do something about it)." --CBA Retailers + Resources Nita Belles is an author, speaker, and anti-human trafficking crusader. She has worked in a broad scope of venues with law enforcement, government officials, social services, and the medical and faith communities to combat human trafficking. She is the managing director of *In Our Backyard* (www.InOurBackyard365.org) and regional director for Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans (www.cooath.org). About the Author Nita Belles is the managing director of the nonprofit *In Our Backyard* and the regional director of Central Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans (OATH). She works across the nation, helping victims and survivors of human trafficking, and raising awareness about modern slavery. She holds a masters degree in theology with a concentration in women's concerns.