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EARLY SURVIVOR VOICES AND PRIMARY SOURCES

MODERN SLAVERY: A DOCUMENTARY AND REFERENCE GUIDE BY LAURA J. LEDERER. GREENWOOD, 2018.

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LAURA J. LEDERER IS A PIONEER in the modern-day abolition movement. In *Modern Slavery: A Documentary and Reference Guide*, she chronicles her experiences on the frontlines of advocacy as the anti-human trafficking movement emerged in the contemporary public square.

The book reflects the author's dogged determination to capture the story in a first-person account. As such, one of the strengths of this *Documentary and Reference Guide* is the collection of many of the earliest survivor voices testifying before congress as our collective conscious recognized that slavery still existed right now and right here in the United States. The momentum of this early grassroots effort picks up and blossoms into leadership in the global arena that is fostered by the newly launched State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking.

The author's legal vantage point includes careful discussions of both sex trafficking and labor trafficking, providing not only the legal definitions based on the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, but also the back stories related to elements of existing laws. Additionally, it examines the conflicting views among members of the movement in how to frame the language of exploitation in sex trafficking. This discourse continues to simmer, and subsequently, the early conversations and positions taken are helpful in informing our dialogue today.

The converging forces of vulnerability and demand are addressed with a call to a deeper understanding of the problem and complex responses that require taking steps for stronger protection efforts for victims, building competency in identifying boys who are also victims, and expanding the use of supply chain analysis in our anti-human trafficking strategies.

As a university professor teaching undergraduate students, I am often challenged by students' easy access to information, especially when their citation is merely a copy and paste URL. Teaching about primary source materials is best taught by example so

students learn to research for themselves. This book is a great example as well as an excellent resource for university libraries as it uses primary source material to weave a rich story of the nature and scope of modern-day slavery and the growth of a grass-roots movement to end it. Well documented primary source materials include survivor stories, witness testimony, congressional hearings, and case law. Examples of primary source material include the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (2005); remarks and statements from Presidents' Bush, Clinton, and Obama on human trafficking and modern slavery; the United Nations' Office of Drugs and Crime report, *A Global Report on Trafficking in Persons* (2009); excerpts from the U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report, including harrowing victims stories from around the world (2013 and 2014); and excerpts from 2015 Senate hearings, including testimony from Holly Austin Smith, trafficking survivor, and from Malika Saada Saar, founder of Human Rights Project for Girls.

This book digs into a dark and often hidden crime against humanity. And yet, the historical overview leaves the reader with hope as it documents the bipartisan efforts to combat modern slavery and the legislative processes that united early leaders. The inclusive nature of the text ensures that faith leaders and NGOs are part of the story of responding to the egregious crime against human dignity.

Modern Slavery: A Documentary and Reference Guide can be ordered from the publisher or other book sales outlets (<https://products.abc-clio.com/abc-cliocorporate/product.aspx?pc=A5108C>).

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