



THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BOOKS TO READ TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Slave Across the Street, The True Story of an American Teen **Theresa Flores**

A powerful true story, Theresa Flores shares how her life as an All-American, blue-eyed, blonde-haired 15-year-old teenager who could have been your neighbor was enslaved into the dangerous world of sex trafficking. Her story peels the cover off of this horrific criminal activity and provides a glimpse into the underbelly of trafficking. It all happened while living at home without her parents ever knowing about it. Involuntarily involved in a large underground criminal ring, Ms. Flores endured more as a child than most adults will ever face their entire lives.

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

Rachel Lloyd's riveting survivor story is the true tale of her hard-won escape from the commercial sex industry and her bold founding of GEMS, New York City's Girls Education and Mentoring Service, to help countless other young girls escape "the life." Lloyd's unflinchingly honest memoir is a powerful and unforgettable story of inhuman abuse, enduring hope, and the promise of redemption.

The White Umbrella: Walking with Survivors of Sex Trafficking **Mary Frances Bowley**

The White Umbrella tells stories of survivors as well as those who came alongside to help them to recovery. It describes the pain and the strength of these young women and those who held the "white umbrella" of protection and purity over them on the road to restoration. This book offers principles and guidance to anyone with a heart for these hurting young women and a desire to help. It is an ideal resource for individuals or organizations seeking to learn what they can do to assist these victims in becoming whole again.

Renting Lacy: A Story of America's Prostituted Children (A Call to Action) **Linda Smith**

The average age of entry into America's sex trade is 13 years old. Forced into a life they never chose, manipulated, abused and tortured at the hands of the individuals who control them, children are sold on the streets, on the Internet and at truck stops across America every night. They are not bad kids who made bad choices. They are victims of child sex trafficking. They come from our neighborhoods, our schools, our churches, and sometimes our own homes.