

Hunger Related Books

NON-FICTION

Grace at the Table: Ending Hunger in God's World

Beckmann, David and Simon, Art, 2002.

A primer on the causes of international hunger.

America's New War on Poverty

Blackside, Inc., 1995.

A companion reader to the recent PBS series about the War on Poverty, this compilation of essays and excerpts speaks about the many facets of poverty in America, citing numerous illuminating facts and statistics, as well as some methodologies for addressing these issues.

The Call of Service: A Witness to Idealism

Coles, Robert, 1993.

Coles interviews fascinating people who have dedicated time and energy in service to their communities.

Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change

Edelman, Marian Wright, 1987.

Based on Edelman's 1986 W.E.B. Dubois Lectures, this book gives an eloquently argued case for a broad national agenda to fight childhood poverty.

Nickeled and Dimed: On (Not) Making it in America

Ehrenreich, Barbara, 2001.

This book gives us a compelling look at the challenges of being a part of America's growing working poor. Ehrenreich takes a year out of her freelance life to try making it in the low wage work force.

Poor Support

Ellwood, David T, 1988.

Ellwood offers a wealth of information and data about the characteristics of poor people and the American welfare state, debunking many of the popular misconceptions that have been associated with poverty and the notion of welfare dependency.

The New American Poverty

Harrington, Michael, 1984.

Harrington's reassessment of the issues just a few years before his death.

The Other America

Harrington, Michael, 1962.

A cornerstone is social analysis, Harrington's story of "hidden poverty" in the United States served as the basis of the War on Poverty.

The Dispossessed: America's Underclasses from the Civil War to the Present

Jones, Jacqueline, 1992.

A well-written account of the historical roots of the underclass, following the development of the 19th century Southern poor, both black and white.

The Undeserving Poor: From the War on Poverty to the War on Welfare

Katz, Michael, 1989.

Focusing on the last three decades, Katz's historical analysis follows the course of debate over issues of hunger and poverty in America referring to the differential treatment given to the "deserving" and "undeserving" poor.

There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America

Kotlowitz, Alex, 1991.

A powerful personal account of the lives of two families in the Chicago ghetto.

Rachel and Her Children, Homeless Families in America

Kozol, Jonathon, 1989.

A deeply personal analysis of homelessness, which centers on the travails of one homeless family.

Savage Inequalities: Children in America's Schools

Kozol, Jonathon, 1991.

Through a strong personal account, Kozol outlines the inequalities in school expenditures and facilities between poor and rich children in America.

America's Misunderstood Welfare State: Persistent Myths, Enduring Realities

Marmour, Theodore R. and Jerry L. Mashaw and Phillip L. Harvey, 1990.

In separate chapters, analyzes the myths of the American system.

Wealth and Democracy

Phillips, Kevin, 2002.

A social criticism and economic history of plutocracy, excess and reform.

Race Matters

West, Cornel.

A collection of valuable essays from one of our principal social critics. West allows his readers to see race as a lens through which Americans view life.

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Bastard Out of Carolina

Allison, Dorothy.

A well-written and deeply engaging story of a young girl growing up in poverty during the 1950's and 60's.

The Dollmaker

Arnow, Harriet.

An enormously popular novel from the late 1940's, *The Dollmaker* is the dramatic story of an Appalachian family's move from the mountains of Kentucky to war-time Detroit.

Another Country

Baldwin, James.

A genius of American fiction, this is one of Baldwin's most eloquent statements about the intersection of race and class.

The Invisible Man

Ellison, Ralph.

A classic novel about the manner in which we refuse to see each other and the effects this has on our lives.

Love Medicine

Erdrich, Louise.

Lends insight into life on and off Native American reservations.

Migrant Souls

Islas, Arthur.

A tale of the conflicts of a Chicano family in south Texas.

Gap Creek: A Story of a Marriage

Morgan, Robert, 1999.

A view of life at the turn of the century and the strength and grit required to gather, make and prepare food and the utter dependence upon nature.

The Middleman

Mukherjee, Bharati.

A National Book Critics Circle award winner about recent immigrants' struggle to survive in the United States.

CHILDREN'S FICTION:

My Fabulous New Life

Greenwald, Shelia, 1993.

An 11-year-old girl adjusts to new neighborhood in Manhattan. (For middle school students.)

Sidewalk Story

Mathis, Sharon Bell, 1986.

The story of a young girl who comes to the aid of a friend and her family being evicted from an apartment across the street. Her compassion causes others to sit up and take notice. This is a wonderful introduction to advocacy.

STORIES FOR THE YOUNG CHILD:

Fly Away Home

Bunting, Eve, 1991.

A tender story about a boy and his father who live in the airport. This is a good story to introduce children to the issues of homelessness.

The Lady in the Box

McGovern, Ann, 1997.

Two young children aid an elderly homeless woman and in doing so, become her friend. This story is a wonderful way to introduce children to the issue of homelessness and also ways they can be of service in community.

Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen

DiSalvo-Ryan, Dyanne, 1991.

The story of a young boy's introduction to work in a community kitchen. He learns from his Uncle Willie about how to help and support those living in poverty in his community.