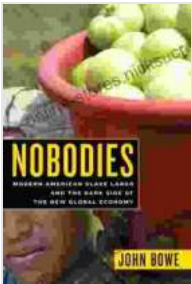


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Slavery is not a relic of the past. It is a global problem that affects millions of people today, including in the United States.

Modern slavery takes many forms, including human trafficking, forced labor, debt bondage, and child labor. It is found in a wide range of industries, including agriculture, manufacturing, construction, and hospitality.

The victims of modern slavery are often vulnerable individuals who are desperate for work. They may be undocumented immigrants, refugees, or people with disabilities.

The consequences of modern slavery are devastating for workers and society as a whole. Workers may be forced to work long hours in

dangerous conditions for little or no pay. They may be subjected to physical and sexual abuse. And they may be denied basic rights, such as the right to freedom of movement and the right to a fair trial.

Modern slavery is a serious problem that has been largely ignored. But it is a problem that we can no longer afford to ignore.

## **The Different Forms of Modern Slavery**

There are many different forms of modern slavery, but the most common are:

- **Human trafficking:** This involves the illegal transportation of people for the purpose of exploitation. Victims of human trafficking may be forced to work in sweatshops, brothels, or other forms of forced labor.
- **Forced labor:** This is work that is performed under threat of violence or coercion. Victims of forced labor may be forced to work in factories, mines, or other hazardous industries.
- **Debt bondage:** This is a form of slavery in which people are forced to work to pay off a debt. Victims of debt bondage may be forced to work for years without ever being able to repay their debt.
- **Child labor:** This is the employment of children under the age of 18 in work that is hazardous or interferes with their education.

## **The Industries in Which Modern Slavery is Most Prevalent**

Modern slavery is found in a wide range of industries, but it is most prevalent in the following:

- **Agriculture:** Millions of people are forced to work in agriculture, often in dangerous conditions and for little pay.
- **Manufacturing:** Forced labor is used in many factories, especially in the production of garments and electronics.
- **Construction:** Forced labor is used in the construction of buildings, roads, and other infrastructure.
- **Hospitality:** Forced labor is used in hotels, restaurants, and other hospitality businesses.

## **The Impact of Modern Slavery**

The impact of modern slavery is devastating for workers and society as a whole. Workers who are forced to work in slavery-like conditions may suffer from physical and mental health problems. They may be denied basic rights, such as the right to freedom of movement and the right to a fair trial. And they may be forced to live in poverty.

Modern slavery also has a negative impact on society as a whole. It undermines the rule of law and it can lead to increased crime and violence. It also creates a race to the bottom, as businesses compete to produce goods and services at the lowest possible cost, often at the expense of workers.

## **What Can Be Done to Stop Modern Slavery?**

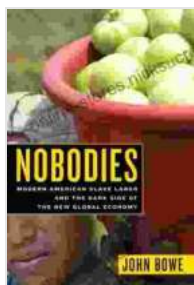
There are many things that can be done to stop modern slavery. Governments, businesses, and individuals can all play a role.

**Governments** can take steps to strengthen laws against human trafficking and forced labor. They can also provide support to victims of modern slavery.

**Businesses** can take steps to ensure that their supply chains are free of slave labor. They can also support programs that help victims of modern slavery.

**Individuals** can take steps to avoid buying products that are made with slave labor. They can also support organizations that are working to stop modern slavery.

Modern slavery is a serious problem, but it is one that we can solve. By working together, we can create a world where everyone is free from slavery.

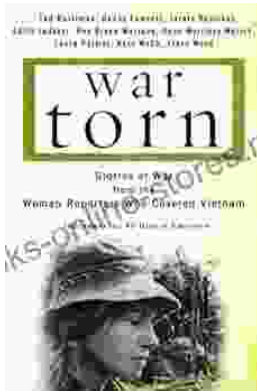


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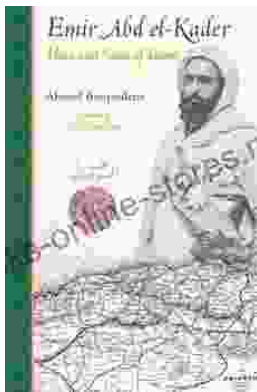
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