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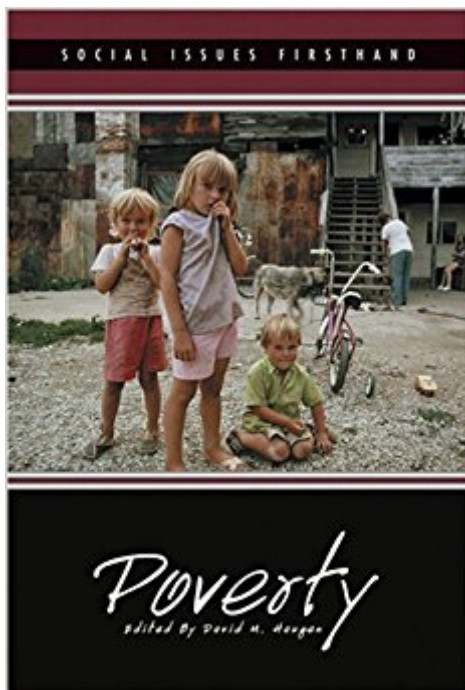
Synopsis

Poverty grips millions worldwide - from the working poor to the homeless and destitute. Collecting intimate stories of individuals living in poverty and those helping them, this anthology includes personal narratives of poor people struggling to survive on little or no income, and also writings that convey the thoughts and deeds of people trying to alleviate the plight of the impoverished.

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Customer Reviews

Gr. 8-11. This title in the new Social Issues Firsthand series probes a topic that will weigh heavily on many teens in the shadow of hurricane Katrina. In four major sections, including "The Working Poor," anchored by an excerpt from Barbara Ehrenreich's excellent adult book Nickel and Dimed (2001), 16 accounts from poverty's gritty trenches evaporate easy assumptions about the poor, and reveal the obstacles faced by stricken individuals and families hampered by catch-22 social policies, entrenched racial inequities, and logistics such as cleaning up for an interview: "Cleanliness for someone living in a car is a labyrinthine ordeal." The solace several speakers draw from Christianity gives some of the essays an evangelical tone, and the "Helping the Poor" section features individuals (a nun, a psychiatrist) whose secondhand perspectives seem out of place. The sum effect, though, is that of a bitter wake-up call, and though most essays were written before 2000, they're still plenty relevant today. Jennifer MattsonCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All

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each story is true and gives a clear picture of poverty and the suffering so many face each and every day. liveing in a car will bring tears to your eyes. judy eichstedt story of suffering in the shelter will break your heart and hopefully cause you to take action in the war on poverty.

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