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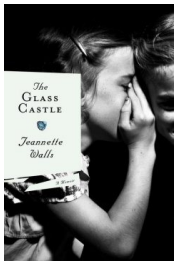
reading challenge



Voices of poverty | Adult Non-Fiction available through York Public Library

"Read Woke is a movement. It is a feeling. It is a style. It is a form of education. It is a call to action; it is our right as lifelong learners. It means arming yourself with knowledge in order to better protect your rights. Knowledge is power and no one can take it away. It means learning about others so that you can treat people with the respect and dignity that they deserve no matter their religion, race, creed, or color."

Cicely Lewis, creator of the Read Woke reading challenge

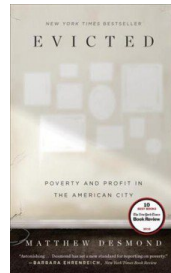


The glass castle : a memoir

by Jeannette Walls

The second child of a scholarly, alcoholic father and an eccentric artist mother discusses her family's nomadic upbringing from the Arizona desert, to Las Vegas, to an Appalachian mining town, during which her siblings and she fended for themselves while their parents

outmaneuvered bill collectors and the authorities.

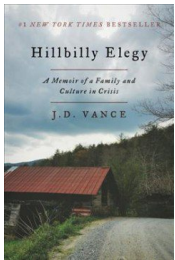


Evicted : poverty and profit in the American city

by Matthew Desmond

A Harvard sociologist examines the under-represented challenge of eviction as a formidable cause of poverty in America, revealing how millions of people are wrongly forced from their homes and reduced to cycles of extreme

disadvantage that are reinforced by dysfunctional legal systems.



Hillbilly elegy : a memoir of a family and culture in crisis

by J. D. Vance

Shares the poignant story of the author's family and upbringing, describing how they moved from poverty to an upwardly mobile clan that included the author, a Yale Law School graduate, while navigating the demands of middle-class

life and the collective demons of the past.

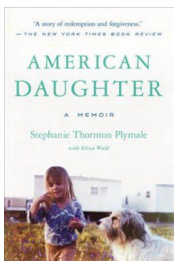


Invisible Americans : the tragic cost of child poverty

by Jeff. Madrick

Citing the alarming percentage of children who live in poverty in today's America, an urgent report examines contributing factors, including government indifference, a failing social welfare system and entrenched racism,

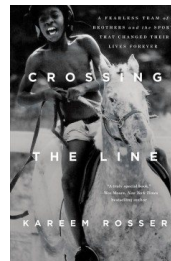
while outlining a politically feasible option for next steps.



American daughter : a memoir

by Stephanie Thornton Plymale

The founder of the Heritage Home Foundation nonprofit documents her secret abuse-marked childhood in and out of foster care and what she discovered while investigating the story of her mother's own harrowing past.



Crossing the line : a fearless team of brothers and the sport that changed their lives forever

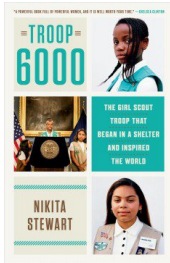
by Kareem Rosser

The captain of the first all-black squad to win the National Interscholastic Polo championship recounts his experiences in a poverty stricken West Philadelphia neighborhood and how he and his



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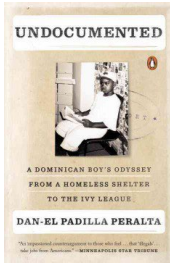


Troop 6000 : the Girl Scout troop that began in a shelter and inspired the world

by Nikita Stewart

Describes how hardworking mother of five Giselle Burgess rose from poverty and homelessness to establish Girl Scout troops in 15 New York City shelters to bring pride, life-skill training and

community to disadvantaged urban girls.



Undocumented : a Dominican boy's odyssey from a homeless shelter to the Ivy League

by Dan-el Padilla Peralta

A Princeton University salutatorian describes his experiences as an undocumented immigrant youth in New York City, relating his efforts as a

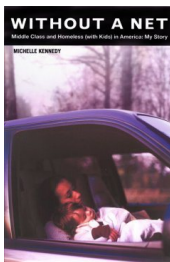
scholarship student in a private school that sharply contrasted with his street life in East Harlem



Maid : hard work, low pay, and a mother's will to survive

by Stephanie Land

An economic-hardship journalist describes the years she worked in low-pay domestic work under wealthy employers, contrasting the privileges of the upper-middle class to the realities of the overworked people supporting them.



Without a net : middle class and homeless (with kids) in America : my story

by Michelle Kennedy

A Pushcart Prize-winning writer for Brain, Child magazine and other prestigious periodicals describes how at the age of twenty-four, newly divorced and raising three children alone, she was rendered

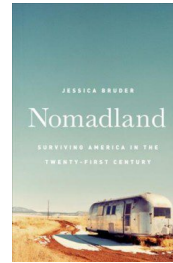
homeless and overcame difficult odds in order to safeguard her family's survival.



This is all I got : one woman's desperate year in the new gilded age

by Lauren Sandler

Chronicles a year in the life of a young, homeless single mother and her quest to find stability and shelter in New York City.

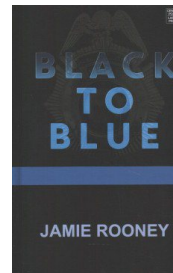


Nomadland : surviving America in the twenty-first century

by Jessica Bruder

An award-winning journalist sets out on the road to explore the new phenomenon of "workampers" who are migrant workers made up of transient older Americans who took to the road after discovering

that their social security came up short and their mortgages were underwater.

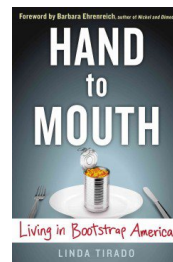


Black to blue

by Jamie Rooney

"A police officer currently serving as the Resource and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Officer in York, Maine, candidly relates her story of her childhood poverty, abuse, and dysfunctional families that motivated her to make something positive out of her

life"



Hand to mouth : living in bootstrap America

by Linda Tirado

A first book by a widely read, controversial essayist on poverty profiles the realities of the working poor in America and why poor people make decisions that are popularly criticized.