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This book will play a significant role in resetting the terms of the debate about prostitution and other forms of sex work.... The grounded analysis provided here is a welcome alternative to the sensationalist stew that pervades mainstream media ... a collection that supports the humanity, agency, and rights of the poor while challenging hegemonic trafficking discourse. --Debi Brock in Resources for Feminist Research

Trafficking and Prostitution Reconsidered provides a unique perspective on issues regarding migration, sex work, and human rights with particular consideration given to a number of countries in Asia.... This book critically assesses and examines the existing international policies on trafficking, while proposing alternatives for future research and possible intervention strategies.... A comprehensive job of exposing a variety of myths and problems within the context of sexual exploitation and capitalism. --Taline Kassabian in Canadian Journal of Sociology Online

The unique contribution of this set of essays is to startle us into looking at the sensationalized problem of sex trafficking in a radically different way. Kamala Kempadoo and her colleagues explode a number of myths and broaden our view to see the problem of sexual exploitation in the larger context of a global capitalism based on forced labor. The writers not only give us a critique of superficial approaches to sexual labor, but point the way to a deeper understanding based on human rights. --Howard Zinn

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