

POVERTY, BY AMERICA

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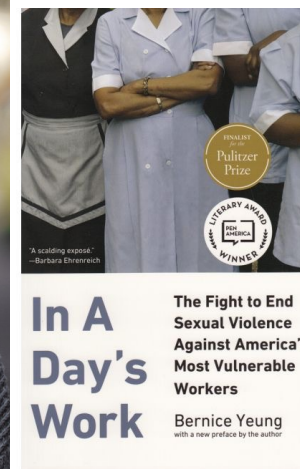
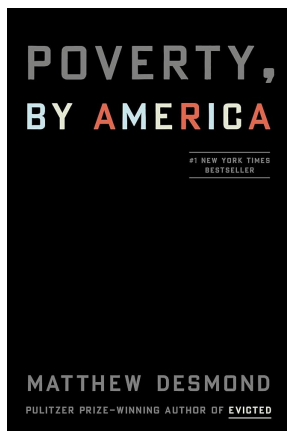
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On the Same Page: *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond

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Poverty isn't a **LINE**.
It's a **TIGHT KNOT** of social maladies.

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CALIFORNIA

RED FLAG

Over half of all renters pay
30%+ of their income on rent

CALIFORNIA



EDUCATION

NATIONAL

Preschool enrollment:	49.6 %	48 %
High school graduation gap: (between high- and low-income)	11 %	11.5 %
Avg. student loan debt:	\$36.9K	\$43K



HEALTH

Uninsured (medical):	7.8 %	9.2 %
SNAP recipients: (food stamps)	1 in 10	1 in 9
SNAP per household member (monthly):	\$141	\$121



FINANCE

Poverty rate:	11.5 %	11.9 %
Child poverty rate:	14.6 %	16 %
Minimum wage:	\$14.00	\$7.25
Median income:	\$81.5K	\$70.7K
Prison min. wage:	\$0.08 - \$0.95	\$0.14 - \$1.41
Unbanked households:	5.6 %	5.4 %



HOUSING

Student homelessness:	4.3 %	2.7 %
Eviction filing rate:	2.2 %	7.8 %
Avg. housing voucher wait list time:	32 mos.	28 mos.
Renters paying 30%+ income on rent:	54.8 %	49.6 %

CONSIDER THESE SELECT

ANTIPOVERTY POLICIES

DOES YOUR STATE...

have expanded Medicaid coverage for
additional populations?



protect housing voucher holders
from discrimination?



prohibit or highly regulate payday
lending?



spend above the national average of
its TANF funds on basic assistance?



have a progressive tax rate?



JOIN THE FIGHT

ANTIPOVERTY ORGANIZATIONS

[California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation](#)

[Western Center on Law & Poverty](#)

[End Poverty in California](#)

[GRACE End Child Poverty Institute](#)

[Berkeley Free Clinic](#)



LEARN MORE: sites.prh.com/poverty-in-your-state-sources

5 Things to End Poverty

- Use influence wherever you have it
- Shop and invest with companies that pay living wages
- Talk about taxes differently
- Tear down the walls that protect segregation
- Join anti-poverty movements

*Courtesy: Matthew Desmond talk with
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