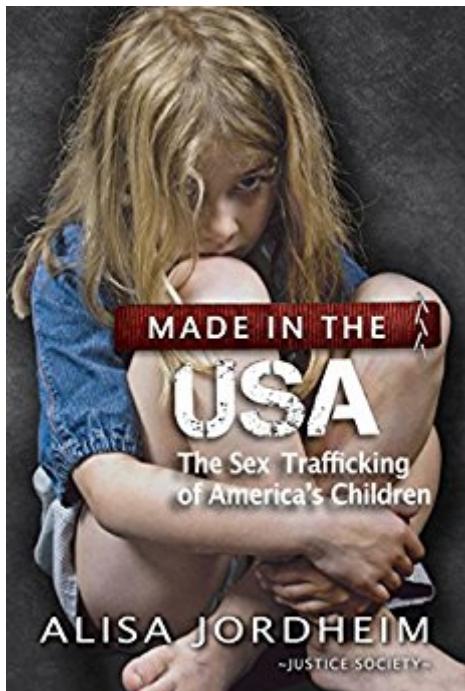


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Made In The U.S.A.: The Sex Trafficking Of America's Children



Synopsis

The book is a compilation of five true stories of adults (4 woman & 1 man) trafficked as children. Each story is preceded by an overview of the type of trafficking the story addresses and followed up by a statement from the survivors themselves. The purpose of the book is to provide insights on how American children are taken captive and often coerced to remain in a lifestyle of commercial sexual exploitation. All profits from the book will be distributed to nationally recognized agencies providing either preventive or restorative service for child survivors of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking.

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Customer Reviews

A social justice issue that for many years has been close to my heart is human trafficking. So I was grateful for the opportunity to review one of the most recent books on the subject, *Made in the USA: The Sex Trafficking of America's Children* by Alisa Jordheim (HigherLife, 2014). The author is Founder and Executive Director of the Justice Society. No, not DC Comics' team of superheroes, but a nonprofit that has taken up the cause against modern day sexual slavery. While most media

tend to focus on these crimes committed outside our country, *Made in the USA* brings the topic uncomfortably close to home, featuring the dramatized stories of five trafficking survivors. Each serves as an example of how American minors get forced into the pornography and prostitution: the emotionally-controlling boyfriend, the abusive family member, homelessness, recruitment, and kidnapping. Some of the content was expected, such as the common themes of broken homes, drug abuse, physical abuse, and emotional manipulation. Other parts opened my eyes, such as the rape culture of rodeos that apparently doesn't get publicized often. It's hard to come away from this book still thinking of prostitution as solely an urban problem. Because of my concern for this social problem, it's tempting to just offer praise for *Made in the USA*, but I need to be honest: I was really disappointed by its disorganization. The pages were cluttered with stock photos and the text padded with lengthy quotes, distracting me from the book's central message. While tear-inducing at times, the testimonials didn't always read smoothly; often it seemed as though important parts of the stories had gone missing.

Made in the USA by Alisa Jordheim
Child sex trafficking is a despicable practice. Yet, we often don't realize is that this activity happens right on our doorstep every day, on our streets, and in our local businesses. Yes, child sex trafficking is rampant in the good ole USA. Alisa, founder of the Justice Society and advocate for these young children caught in the heinous web of violence and abuse, has written a book that brings understanding and hope to those willing to look into this awful practice. Her book, *Made in the USA* chronicles the practice of child sex trafficking, its victims, and the web of deceit that entangles these young ones. Alisa begins by identifying what the problem of child sex trafficking is, what locations around the world are engaged in the practice, and how this happens right here in America. Alison writes, "The average age for a girl lured into sex trafficking is twelve to fourteen; for boys and transgender youth it is younger, eleven to thirteen, and some cases involve pre-pubescent children, toddlers, and babies. The primary way these children are exploited is through street or Internet-based prostitution, strip clubs, erotic entertainment, and pornography." (15) Some have blamed our oversexualized culture as the problem for this trafficking, which adds to the problem. Alison writes, "The United States is the largest producer of pornography in the world. With 55 percent of all child pornography coming from America, it is a \$3 billion-plus annual industry. One of every five pornographic images is of a child." (16) The country with the largest amount of freedoms is also the country with the largest amount of pornography. In chapters 3 and 4, Alisa outlines the way the Loverboy Syndrome and Familial Trafficking occurs.

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