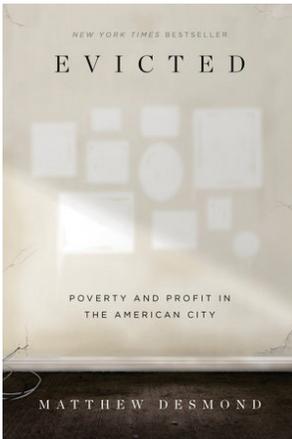


Social Justice Book Club

Evicted by Matthew Desmond

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



“Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City” focuses on poverty and inequality in the United States through the eyes of eight low-income families and a couple of landlords in Milwaukee. Harvard sociologist Matthew Desmond’s thoroughly-researched work illuminates a sad, difficult world typically shoved out of the sight and minds of most Americans. The book document our nation’s current acute crisis of evictions—and lack of investment in decent, affordable low-income housing.

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Get Involved with these Local Organizations!

The following local organizations provide access to low- and middle-income housing:



- **EPACanDo (epacando.org)** creates affordable housing and promotes community and economic development in East Palo Alto by building and maintaining affordable housing and providing counseling and workshops on home buying, credit and budgeting.
- **Palo Alto Housing (pah.community)** provides and maintains high-quality affordable housing where individuals and families thrive in Palo Alto and the San Francisco Bay Area, working directly with families and their communities.



These established legal aid organizations fight for low-income tenant rights:

- **Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto (clespa.org)** is a team of attorneys, paralegals and social workers who train and support East Palo Alto community members to navigate the legal system and exercise their rights, as related to housing, immigration, workers’ rights, records clearance, and consumer protection.
- **Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County (legalaidsmc.org)** fights social injustice through civil legal advocacy for people in poverty, with a vision provide every person in San Mateo County with basic economic, health care and educational needs and ensuring dignity and respect through participation in the community regardless of background.
- **Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity / ECHO Housing (echofairhousing.org)** is dedicated to equal housing opportunities and investigates complaints of illegal housing discrimination against renters in Alameda, Contra Costa and Monterey Counties. ECHO provides counseling and conciliation on evictions, repairs and rent increases.
- **Mills Community Law Clinic (law.stanford.edu/community-law-clinic)**, Stanford Law School’s legal clinic in East Palo Alto, represents local clients in housing, wage and hour, social security, and criminal record expungement matters.



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