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From Publishers Weekly Although most people imagine widespread enslavement only in the historical past, human trafficking continues to exist today in myriad forms around the world. In this informative call to action, Bales (*Disposable People*), sociologist and president of Free the Slaves, and Soodalter (*Hanging Captain Gordon*), a historian, document routine coercive slave labor in domestic service, prostitution, farm labor, factories, light industry, prisons and mining operations.

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