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In this stunning conclusion to the tale first begun in Boys for Sale...

Having escaped from Javier and The School House, Tavi is now on the run as he tries to survive on the streets.

Knowing that his former bar will be looking for them, Tavi and his friends struggle to find a sanctuary where they can be safe from not only their enraged bar owners, but also other gangs of street kids and several police officers who seem to have their own agenda.

After a brief interlude where Tavi finally manages to find people whom he can trust, his world begins to crumble again, and he knows that it's time to do whatever he can in order to ensure that he and the other children will have a future worth living.

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Richelle Stephens says

This was another book that kept you reading to find out what was going to happen next. It makes you think, how could this be going on and no one takes notice of such things.

Eric Neill says

Boys to save and some girls, too.

This is a continuation of the first book, but with a better (bitter) ending. It might be quasi-HEA, but as the Epilogue confirms, there never is an end to sexual slavery and prostitution. This is an eternal good vs evil power and money problem that as long as people and situations are unequal will continue to exist and thrive. It takes valiant and continuous action by many people and authorities to restrict and reduce this invading sickness where sex is power over others who are defenseless and expendable.

This is an often ignored topic because of the huge amount of money changing hands. But virtually none of the money goes to the crime victims. They just get the cum, blood, beatings and disease. Too bad the provider and the payer do not have to pay all of the victim's costs. They would not be so powerful as they think they are.

Open your eyes and hearts to what is happening around you, often even in your own house. It is not always about money.

linda crain says

Excellent

this book was hard to read due to the content but very awakening to a world we know little about.

Amber Berryman says

I read Boys For Sale & Redemption in less than a week. Children being used as sex slaves is a sickening reality. These books tie a lot of emotion to all the characters and left me wanting to better educate myself on this issue. In just a few minutes of researching, I've learned that my state(Texas) is a hub for international trafficking. It is estimated that one out of 3 runaways (6000 runaways annually in Dallas& Houston alone) are lured into sex trafficking within 48 hours of leaving home.

Cassandra says

Wow. This book, along with part 1, Boys for Sale, tells the powerful story of poverty, despair, and desperation that is the reality of human trafficking, specifically sexual trafficking. For that reason alone, I give it 2 stars, as it shines a fairly shallow light on the subject, but a light nonetheless.

The problems with this book start at the decision to novelize the story rather than simply dramatizing it. The story as presented is stomach churning, but I couldn't help but feel that there was a superficiality about it that rendered it unbelievable. Truthfully, it is difficult to pinpoint exactly what makes me feel this way. There are some major issues, like the monetary system and even the location, that are presented in ways that are at once specific and frustratingly generic. For example, we are given to understand that this happens in a big city, but where are the missions? Where are the churches? We see a brief interlude with church workers, but honestly it reads more like a "have to show how ineffectual they are" than anything else. As a reviewer on Amazon said, where are the people whose job it is to keep public spaces available when those spaces are being invaded by hoards of dirty street children?

It's hard to criticize the book when the problem is all too real. I can't help but feel, though, that a dramatization of someone's real story would have been a much more powerful way to get the point across. The emotions of the central characters is shallow and poorly defined. We don't really see motivation behind the action. If the story is, as the prologue states, designed to show that "bad" people can have "good" thoughts and motivations and that "bad" people can do "good" things, honestly, it fails.

Rather than spend your time reading these 2 books, spend your time at the website love146.org or notforsalecampaign.org - both of these are excellent resources to educate yourself about what goes on, and HOW it goes on, even in small-town USA.

vLadimiR says

11 High jumps with a "Hell yeah!"

As stated in the first chapter of the previous book, Tavi managed to escape "The School House" along with his life as a child prostitute. This proves to be a temporary reprieve however as he is now on the run from his captors after a bounty is placed on his head. With no where else to go, his chances for survival seems slim until a visit to his old acquaintances, Kyle and Kurt, gives him an idea.

Now with new found allies, Tavi and the "street rats" band together to make a stand and save the rest of the children still held captive by the human traffickers while trying to stay alive. But this proves to be difficult as the means they use save the other children *and* survive on the streets shed a negative light on their attempts. Now with the public hating them and bad cops out looking to sell them back to the sex bars, Tavi becomes overwhelmed as they get picked off one by one. Just when everything seems lost, a few good souls may just hold the key to their salvation. But will it be in time before there's no else left to save?

This was a complete adrenaline rush from start to finish and I relished every page of it. Yes, there is still gore, death and inhumane torture inflicted to little children in this book which made my stomach churn continuously. But the resilience and strength of these children made me cheer them on even more with each small victory. I just can't get over how this story brought so much emotion and took so much energy out of

me.

(view spoiler)

What I like best about this story is how it shows the complexity of battling human trafficking. It's overwhelming, never ending and sadly, there are those too late to be saved even with the best attempts. The specifics mentioned in the book made me really empathize with those wanting to end human trafficking and made me realize this violation of human rights cannot be overcome by just a single entity. It's something we should all hold ourselves responsible for and *act* on.

I still wouldn't recommend this book to youngsters or anyone looking for m/m romance and the like, but for those who managed to brave the first book, I'm honestly glad to say that there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

A standing ovation from me!

Debbie Dieterich says

Wow

book 1& 2 were riveting. I could not stop reading this gut wrenching story. never stopped to try think about this type of thing really happening.

Adrienne Liss- 's-Gravemade says

This sequel was so captivating, so sad, but I couldn't put it down. I can definitely recommend this book if you can stomach tough subjects!

Carolyn Weidner johnson says

Good follow up book

lorie humbert says

Enlightening to someone from a small town.

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the story was told like you were truly reading a dairy that one of these boys could have written. I was ignorant to the way these kids ended up in these situations. I always pictured runaway or the kids being

abducted. never given up for the hopes of better life.

Katherine M. Tegland says

Human Trafficking

I read Boys for Sale first and then had to read Boys for Sale 2 to see what happened. This is one of the most disturbing books I've read. it's very easy to get emotionally involved with the characters.

tina murphy says

Both books boys for sale

I was both interested and horrified at the story. I know this goes on as its been in the papers hear in england. My heart goes out to all children and I hope there is help out there to help them has councilmen and priest etc did in this story. I'm sure it was hard to write at one point I delete the book before reading much, it upset me. But then I wanted to know if the kids got help. I smiled at the ending. X

Cindy Ternes says

Redemption

I was so happy to see that book 2 showed a happy out come for Tavi and his friends. Where can a person go to help with these situations?

Tim wood says

The follow on from Boys for sale Tavi now having escaped the school house and owner Jarvier now in prison having taken the rap for the murder of his sons baseball coach Tavi sets out to help every other boy caught up in the city brothels while having to dodge every crooked cop in the city who were paid by the brothel owners for every boy caught and returned Tavi enlist every boy he can find to help in his plans soon with a large number they set out on their rescue mission but also go on a robbery rampage pouncing on the wealthier school boys and stealing anything of value to sell to survive but the main aim attack anybody coming out the brothels with any boys and getting the boy to safety

Fabi says

It all wrapped up into an HEA. But, my God, what a story. So tragic, so moving. Boys for Sale and Redemption are two books but one story. I can't imagine anyone reading the first and not following up with the second. These are maybe the most impactful books I've ever read.

