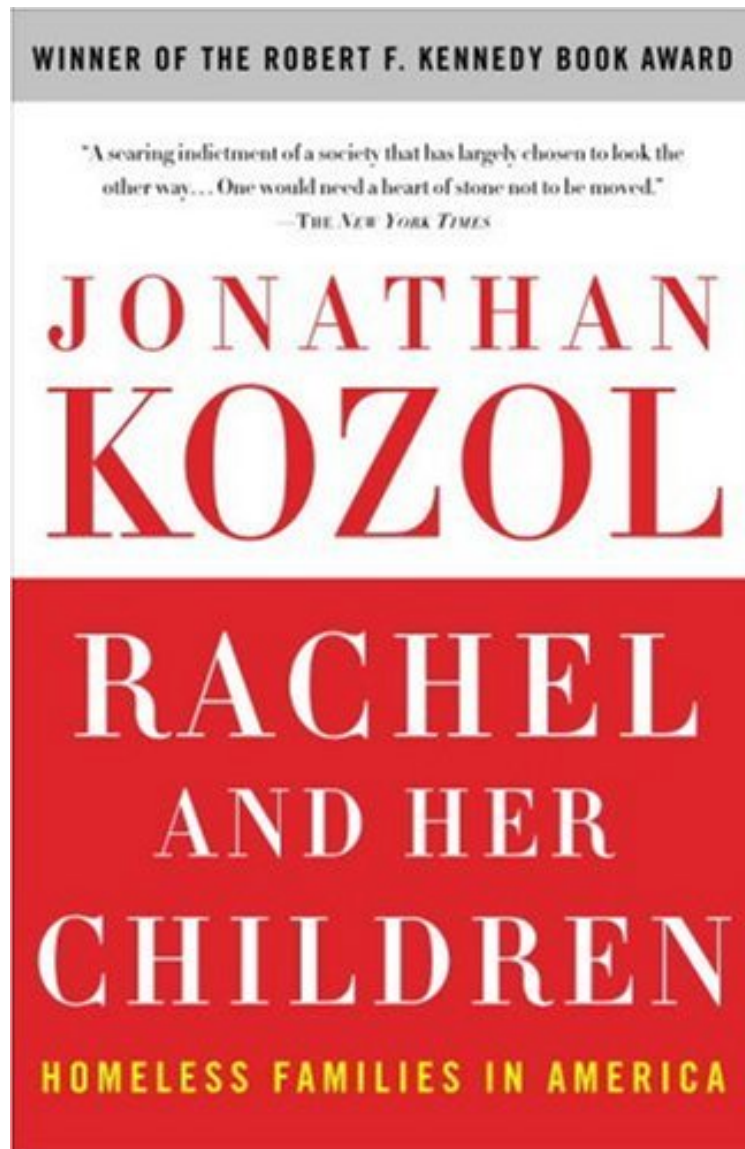


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security, so this book hits very close to home. The extremes of poverty in this book is as bad or worse than many third world situations I have experienced. This was from the mid eighties so know the situation is much worse now, if you can imagine that (you'll understand once you read it). You will experience this book, not just read it and be ready to be moved emotionally. Kozol is a well known and thought of author by those in Community Psychology arenas, development practitioners and many others with a burden for humanity. Once you read this one, you too will have a burden, so be ready. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Still Rings True By Patrick Cleary Jonathan Kozol's book may be almost 30 years old, but the stories of what poverty and homelessness inflict on our fellow citizens still ring true today. We must learn to treat all people with dignity and find ways of supporting those who have fled upon hard times or disaster. Chilling and insightful. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Life-view changing By Mousecard I never knew this stuff happens, until I read "evicted" This also tells the story that must be heard!

The story that jolted the conscience of the nation when it first appeared in The New Yorker Jonathan Kozol is one of America's most forceful and eloquent observers of the intersection of race, poverty, and education. His books, from the National Book Award-winning *Death at an Early Age* to his most recent, the critically acclaimed *Shame of the Nation*, are touchstones of the national conscience. First published in 1988 and based on the months the author spent among America's homeless, *Rachel and Her Children* is an unforgettable record of the desperate voices of men, women, and especially children caught up in a nightmarish situation that tears at the hearts of readers. With record numbers of homeless children and adults flooding the nation's shelters, *Rachel and Her Children* offers a look at homelessness that resonates even louder today.

From Publishers Weekly To write this "jolting firsthand report," Kozol spent months among the homeless, whose depressing stories, interwoven with his commentaries, tell of infant deaths, malnutrition, hunger, loss of dignity and desperation. "This powerful volume," PW maintained, "forces one to ask: 'What are our national priorities?'" Author tour. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. From School Library Journal YA A horrifying, staggering book about the homeless in this country as specifically exemplified by those who are housed in the Martinique Hotel in New York. Through direct, simply stated interviews with several families in the Martinique over a period of time, Kozol systematically strips away the stereotypic litany of what is wrong with welfare recipients (too lazy to work, etc.). He shows repeated case histories of people held captive by a welfare system that would rather pay the private sector \$1,900 a month to house them in squalor than give them perhaps a third of that amount for apartment rent and a chance to gain back their self-respect. There is much about this book that is not only infuriating but also uncomfortable; many of these people have previously been educated, productive citizens who have endured several life crises and lost everything. The true heart of this book, however, rests on two points: the lack of affordable housing for the poor and, most tragically, the children who will become adults with little education, poor health, no marketable skills, and mental and emotional scars from spending a childhood under these conditions. Kozol's writing is clear and reads easily due to his stark, unembellished style. It is always the people who shine through; they are a testament to the human spirit. It is impossible to read this book and remain untouched. Barbara Weathers, Du Chesne Academy, Houston Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Here are the less visible homeless women and children living in shelters and hotels under degrading conditions. Kozol, known for his books on education, introduces us to some of those at the bottom of America's underclass, the residents of a hotel for the homeless in New York, which can only be described as a house of horrors. Kozol faults everyone involved: governments, social agencies, landlords, the courts, and indifferent Americans in general for permitting the perpetuation of the shocking conditions endured by homeless families. This book could be the incentive needed to spark humane solutions. Highly recommended. BOMC selection. Anne Twitchell, EPA Headquarters Lib., Washington, D.C. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.