Sold by Patricia McCormick
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Grade Range: 9+ (Recommended by School Library Journal)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Told in a series of haunting vignettes, SOLD is a harrowing account of a sexual slavery. Alternating lyrical imagery with precise detail, McCormick gives voice to the terror and bewilderment of a young girl robbed of her childhood but who finds the strength to triumph.

SOLD was a National Book Award Finalist.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ “Hard-hitting … poignant. The author beautifully balances the harshness of brothel life with the poignant relationships among its residents.” – Publishers Weekly, starred review

★ “An unforgettable account of sexual slavery as it exists now.” – Booklist, starred review

“The writing is breathtaking in both its simplicity and attention to detail … stunning … this novel is not to be missed.” – Voice of Youth Advocates

“Searing … poetic.” – The Horn Book

“McCormick provides readers who live in safety and under protection of the law with a vivid window into a harsh and cruel world—one most would prefer to pretend doesn’t exist.” – Kirkus

“Heartbreaking … McCormick’s research for this novel involved interviewing women in Nepal and India, and her depth of detail makes the characters believable and their misery palpable. This important book was written in their honor.” – School Library Journal

“McCormick uses language both lyrical and spare to lead the reader into this deeply troubled and troubling world …this is a story of courage, which is precisely what it takes to plant one’s literary work in unfamiliar soil.” – Children’s Literature

“SOLD is a demanding at at times painful book to read. These challenges, however, only serve to heighten the impact of the powerful and important novel that sheds light on a global crisis.” – Teenreads.com

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2006 Booklist Editor’s Choice Award
- Publishers Weekly Best 100 Books of 2006
- 2006 National Public Radio's Best Books of the Year
- 2006 American Library Association Top Ten List, Best Books of the Year
- 2007 National Book Award, finalist
- 2007 Notable Books for a Global Society, selection
- 2007 Quill Award
- 2007 Book Sense Pick
- 2007 Florida Teens Read, selection
- 2008 Gustav-Heinemann Peace Prize
- 2008 Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers
- 2008 Black-Eyed Susan Book Award
- 2008 Gateway Readers Award
- 2009 Eliot Rosewater Award
- 2009 Grand Canyon Reader Award
- 2009 Pennsylvanian Young Reader’s Choice Award
- 2009 Volunteer State Book Award
- 2009 Green Mountain Book Award

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- Teacher’s Guide for Sold
- Sold FAQ, Patricia McCormick

AUTHOR STATEMENT


*A NOTE ON AGE RANGES

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book’s intended use.