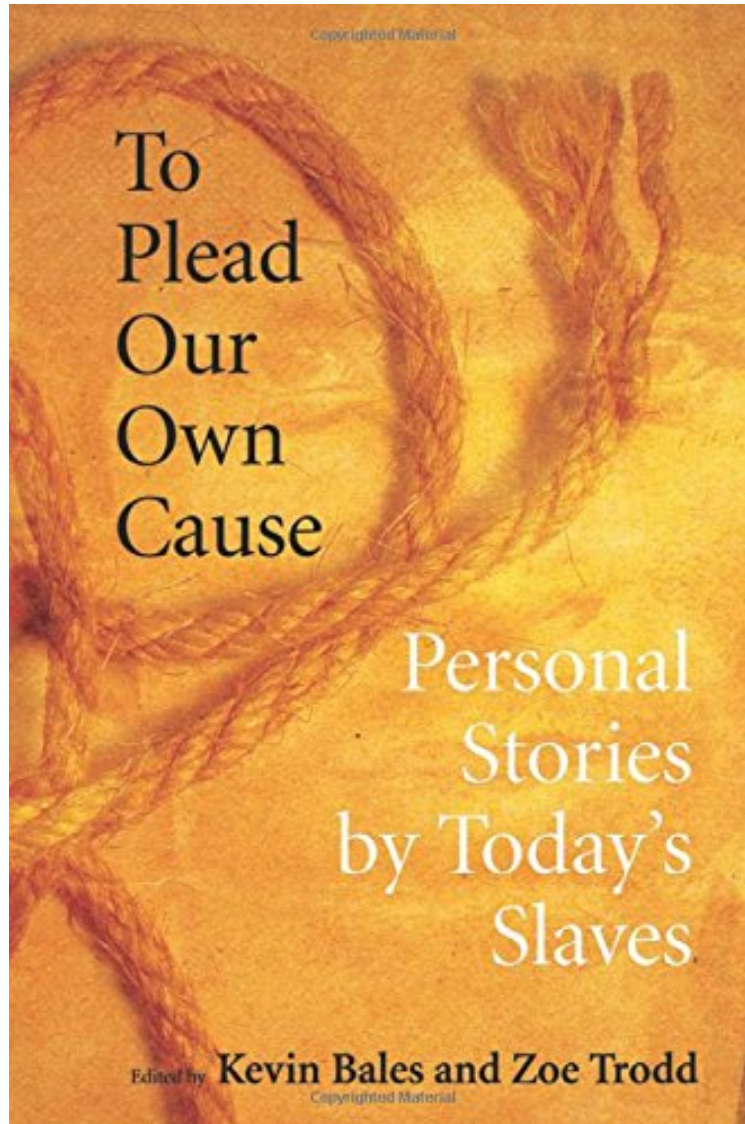


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with slavery today. Each of these stories is both moving and frustrating at the same time, but it is through the unfortunate suffering of others that we are now able to understand the sheer barbarity of the problem of modern day slavery. If I have one criticism it's that the book needed to have even more narratives, but that's just one man's opinion. It's so easy to read many of the other books on modern day slavery with stories of slavery mixed in with the gross failings of governments and police forces in combating the problem of slavery, although I've read many wonderful books of this format...the slave narrative approach is most effective because it's raw and it's a direct account from the actual person not a third person retelling--which can cause it to lose some of its' power.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I got this for a uni class enjoyed reading itBy Emiko Peterson-YoonExtremely informative and depressing to read. I got this for a uni class enjoyed reading it, but it's got some very disturbing content.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Eye OpeningBy Mac McCormickEye opening read that was well organized.

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