



Grants in Action Program – Readings and Resources – December 2023

READINGS & RESOURCES
about Women, Children, and Legal Systems

Recommended by the Santa Barbara Immigrant Defense Center:

- *Strengthening Services for Unaccompanied Children in U.S. Communities* (Migration Policy Institute Report)
<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/services-unaccompanied-children-us-communities>)
- *Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions*, by Valeria Luiselli
- *We Are Not From Here*, a novel by Jenny Sanchez Torres

Recommended by the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County:

- "Imprisoned in a Web of Trauma," by Jennifer Karapetian (TEDxSantaBarbara talk) <https://tedxsantabarbara.com/2023/jennifer-karapetian-imprisoned-in-a-web-of-trauma/>
- *Making a Difference: California Legal Aid* (Impact Report)
https://www.calbar.ca.gov/portals/0/documents/accessjustice/final_impactreport_1.17.19.pdf
- *Victims of Human Trafficking and Other Crimes* (US Citizenship and Immigration Services Website)
<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/victims-of-human-trafficking-and-other-crimes>
- *Know My Name*, by Chanel Miller
- *The Body Keeps the Score*, by Bessel van der Kolk, M.D.

Recommended by Freedom 4 Youth:

Films:

- *Understanding Transition Age Youth*, Children's Traumatic Stress Network
Features Freedom 4 Youth members!
- *13th*, directed by Ava DuVernay (documentary available on Netflix)
- *Belly of the Beast*, directed by Erika Cohn (<https://www.bellyofthebeastfilm.com>)
- *When They See Us*, directed by Ava DuVernay (limited series available on Netflix)

Books:

- *Pushout, The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools*, by Monique Morris
- *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, by Michelle Alexander
- *Are Prisons Obsolete?*, by Angela Davis