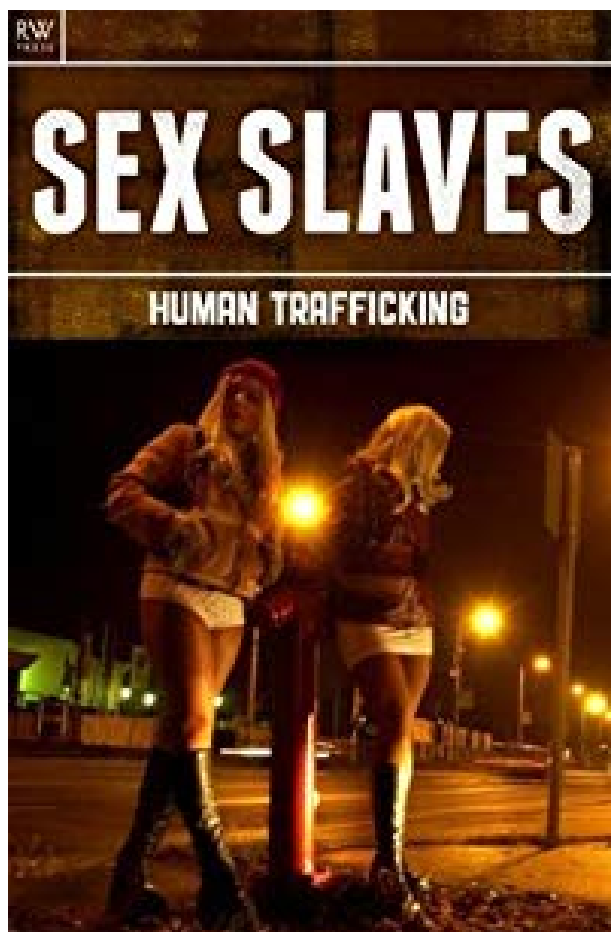


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money, a home, or a way to escape their hellish reality. Harmful traditional, cultural and religious practices also land some people in situations that, to outsiders, are in direct violation of their human rights. Natural disasters can also displace people, forcing them to seek shelter in refugee camps, where criminals often hunt for prey. Allegedly, government corruption can play a role in this illegal trade. Corrupt officers and easily bribed border control personnel are apparently helping this industry thrive, turning a blind eye when required.

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