



SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION

Please join us to share thoughts on

Evicted:
Poverty and Profit in the American City
by Matthew Desmond

Tuesday, April 17
10:00 AM – NOON
Location TBD

RSVP to BookGroup@lwvs.org

Evicted Awards

Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for General Non-fiction, New York Times Bestseller, Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction, Winner of the Pen/John Kenneth Galbraith award for nonfiction, and Winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction.

Reviews

"Desmond, a Harvard sociologist, cites plenty of statistics but it's his ethnographic gift that lends the work such force. He's one of a rare academic breed: a poverty expert who engages with the poor. His portraits are vivid and unsettling. Crystal, who takes in Arleen, had parents on crack and got passed around to two-dozen foster homes. She ends up homeless and prostituting herself, but never misses church. Pam has 'a midwestern twang and a face cut from a high school yearbook photo.' But she is so desperate for housing that she tolerates a racist boyfriend who makes her biracial daughters chant 'White power!' It's not easy to show desperate people using drugs or selling sex and still convey their courage and dignity. *Evicted* pulls it off." - [NY Review of Books 3/10/16](#)

"What if the dominant discourse on poverty is just wrong? What if the problem isn't that poor people have bad morals – that they're lazy and impulsive and irresponsible and have no family values – or that they lack the skills and smarts to fit in with our shiny 21st-century economy? What if the problem is that poverty is profitable? These are the questions at the heart of *Evicted*." - [The Guardian 4/7/16](#)