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In this National Book Award finalist, 13-year-old Lakshmi lives in a cabin located on a mountainside in the Himalayas. She loves the stunning beauty of the mountain's long purple shadows, the tallow pumpkin blooms that close in the evening while the white jasmine opens up. On nights when the moon is full, the hillside is bathed in a magical white light, the glow of the perpetual snows covering the mountain tops. However, this beauty contrasts with the ugliness of Lakshmi's fate as a young woman in that world. Children's lives are precarious, but girls' lives are usable. Lakshmi's lazy stepfather does little work and spends his days playing away money at the tea shop. The family is unprepared when monsoon rains come and wash away any hope of good crops and a better future. Lakshmi is located in Calcutta in Lykkehuset, where she is forced into prostitution. First, she believes that she can do this abominable work and pay down the debt and come home, only to realize later that believing is stupidity, hoping a suffering. In Patricia McCormick's beautifully crafted free verse novel, each poem is a hotline to the mind and voice of lakshmien, and accumulations of details delineate her circumstances and her propensity for hope. Readers can see in her the fate of other survivors. When she looks in the mirror and sees a corpse, she can remind the readers of Elie Wiesel at the end of the night, witnessing the same reflection after her time in concentration camps. When Lakshmi is told, if they find that you can read and write, they will think that you plan to escape, the story of Frederick Douglass's learning to read can come to mind. And when she realizes that she will always be in debt, always cheated out of her earnings, hers is a sharecropper experience, her own body switched crop. When Lakshkmi asks his mother: Why do women have to suffer it? Her mother replies, Only to endure is to overcome, a resounding reminder of survivors of slavery and genocide in cities around the world. Lakshmi's story of survival is told in poetry that will reach right into the souls of readers. Dean Schneider teaches middle school English. Sold AuthorPatricia McCormickOriginal titleNepalCover artistBryn BernardGenreRealistic FictionPublisherHyperionPublication date2006Media typePrint (Hardcover and Paperback)Pages263ISBN0-7868-5171-6OCLC70710278LC ClassPZ7.5.M43 Sol 2006 Sold is a novel by Patricia McCormick, published in 2006. It tells the story of a girl from Nepal named Lakshmi, who is sold to sexual slavery in India. The novel is written in a series of short, vignette-style chapters, from the point of view of the protagonist. The 2014 Oscar-winning film Jeffrey D. Brown is based on the same novel. Plot Lakshmi is a thirteen-year-old girl who lives with her family in a small cabin in the mountains of Nepal. Her family is bad, but her life is full of simple pleasures, like raising her black-and-white spotted goat, and having the mother brush her hair by the light of an oil lamp. But now the harsh Himalayan monsoons are washing away all that's left of her family's crops, Lakshmi's stepfather says she has to leave home and take a job to deserve her family. He introduces her to a charming stranger who tells her she will find her a job as a maid who works for a wealthy woman in the city. Happy to help, Lakshmi makes the long journey to India and arrives at Happiness House full of hope. But she soon learns the terrible truth: she has been sold into prostitution. An old woman named Mumtaz runs the brothel with cruelty and cunning. She tells Lakshmi that she's trapped there until she can pay off her family's debts - and cheats salmon hmi off her lean earnings so she can never leave. Lakshmi's life becomes a nightmare she can't escape from. Yet she lives with her mother's words - Only to endure is to overcome - and gradually she forms friendships with the other girls who enable her to survive in this terrifying new life. She also learns to read and speak in English by listening to conversations of people around her and books she manages to take. Finally, Lakshmi meets an American man, who comes and disguises himself as a client to gather the evidence he needs to prosecute Mumtaz and her associates. Mumtaz is eventually arrested, thus freeing Lakshmi and the other girls. The characters Lakshmi, a thirteen-year-old farm girl in danger, the narrator and protagonist of the novel. When the monsoons arrive and the family's crops are destroyed, she is sold into sex slavery by her stepfather. Ama, Lakshmi's mother; she is described as a typical village wife. She carries the struggles of her family by being the only working adult in their household, but she still manages to be beautiful, at least in her daughter's eyes: My ama, with her crowed black hair braided... her dark brown skin, and her ears hung with the joyful sound of tinkling gold, to me, is more gorgeous. [2] Stepfather, a lazy gambler, and Amas's second husband. He spends his days at the tea shop gambling and conversation with the old men and sees no value in Lakshmi. The stepfather is always willing to spend his family's earnings on unnecessary selfish objects for himself. Lakshmi's best friend. She went to the city to work for a rich family and send money back to her own. Lakshmi's goat. She gives the milk Lakshmi makes cheese with. She follows Lakshmi around much as if it were her children and acts as the young girl's best friend Bajal Sita, described as the first to buy Lakshmi. Aunt Birmla, described as a modern woman by Lakshmi, as she takes on a long journey into the city where the naive farm girl thinks she's going to work as a maid. Uncle Mann, as a slapping man, Lakshmi takes across the border to the place where she will work. While on their journey, he orders her to call him man, probably because he did not want to attract any negative attention to them. After he drops Lakshmi off at her destination, Lykkehuset, she never sees him again. Mumtaz, the owner of The Lucky House, she is portrayed as a cruel and selfish woman. She oversees all the girls and manages her debts. Mumtaz is known for its reckless punishments such as locking girls up for weeks, beating and starving them, as well as punishing all girls who try to escape or receive gifts from customers by dipping a stick in a mixture of chili peppers and pushing it up the offending girl's vagina. She instills fear in every inhabitant of the House of Happiness. Shahanna, Lakshmi's first friend at Happiness House, a girl with teardrop eyes and deep brown skin, who skinned by a nut. Shahanna is from the land of Lakshmi and helps her get used to her new life. Shahanna is taken away when police raid happiness house because Mumtaz was late on her bribes to them. Pushpa, a coughwoman, she is one of Lakshmi's roommates in the novel. Pushpa came to work for Mumtaz when her husband died. She has a little girl and an eight-year-old son. Her illness gets her and her children thrown out of the house by Mumtaz who feels Pushpa is wasted by her money. Shilpa, Aging Bird Girl, is Mumtaz spy. Her character is described as having the reed-thin body of a girl and the hollow cheeks of an old woman. She is, under the folds of her yellow dress, frail as a baby bird. [4] Shilpa is in Lykkehuset at will. Shilpa is also an alcoholic. Anita, a half-sming girl, is one of Lakshmi's roommates. In the novel, Anita is also from lakshmis and Shahanna's land. When she escaped, but goonda (men who work for Mumtaz) caught her, beat her, and returned her to the Lucky House. They're the reason her face is crooked. It's hard to read Anita sometimes because of her abominable manner, but she and Lakshmi become friends towards the end of the novel. Harish, the David Beckham boy, is Pushpa's eight-year-old son. He's obsessed with David Beckham and football. He goes to school every day and comes home to Lykkehuset. In the novel, Lakshmi is envious of Harish because he gets to live a semi-normal life, and she doesn't. After he makes her look at his book, Harish offers to teach lakshmi English and Hindi. Harish runs errands for the girls and their customers at night. Sometimes he earns some rupees. He is a boy of about eight [...]. He has hair sticking up like the tadies on a cornstalk and knees as knobby as a baby goat. Street Boy, a tea He comes to Lykkehuset every day to sell tea to the girls. He flirts with them, but he doesn't sleep with them. At first Lakshmi is ashamed to be seen in the House of Happiness by him, but when he starts giving her gifts of food, they form a bond. Unfortunately, he gets a new route, and they never see each other again. Lakshmi never learns this character's name. Monica, one of the highest income figures in The Good Fortune House, has almost paid off her debt. She also has a very short temperament. She has a daughter at home for whom she pays tuition fees. Monica says people want to thank and honor her and Lakshmi when they come home to send money. When Monica returns home, she is not greeted with honor, but runs out of her own village and returns to the Lucky House. After a while, she is thrown out because she caught the virus. American Customer #1: He pays for Lakshmi, but doesn't sleep with her. Instead, he talks to her and tries to see if she wants to leave Happiness House. Lakshmi remains silent during the exchange. He gives her a card. American Customer #2: He is not a good American or is interested in trying to save Lakshmi from Happiness House. He gets drunk and sleeps with Lakshmi. American customer #3: Comes and asks Lakshmi questions. He takes a picture of Lakshmi. The girl actually talks to him, something. He says he wants to come back for Lakshmi, and he does. She's going with him. Habib: Lakshmi's first customer. Reception Sold received positive reviews for exposing readers to an unknown world. Kirku's reviews, for example, commented that McCormick provides readers who live in safety and under the protection of the law with a living window into a harsh and cruel world. [6] The book list agreed, saying that Sold is [an] unforgettable account of sexual slavery as it exists now. 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