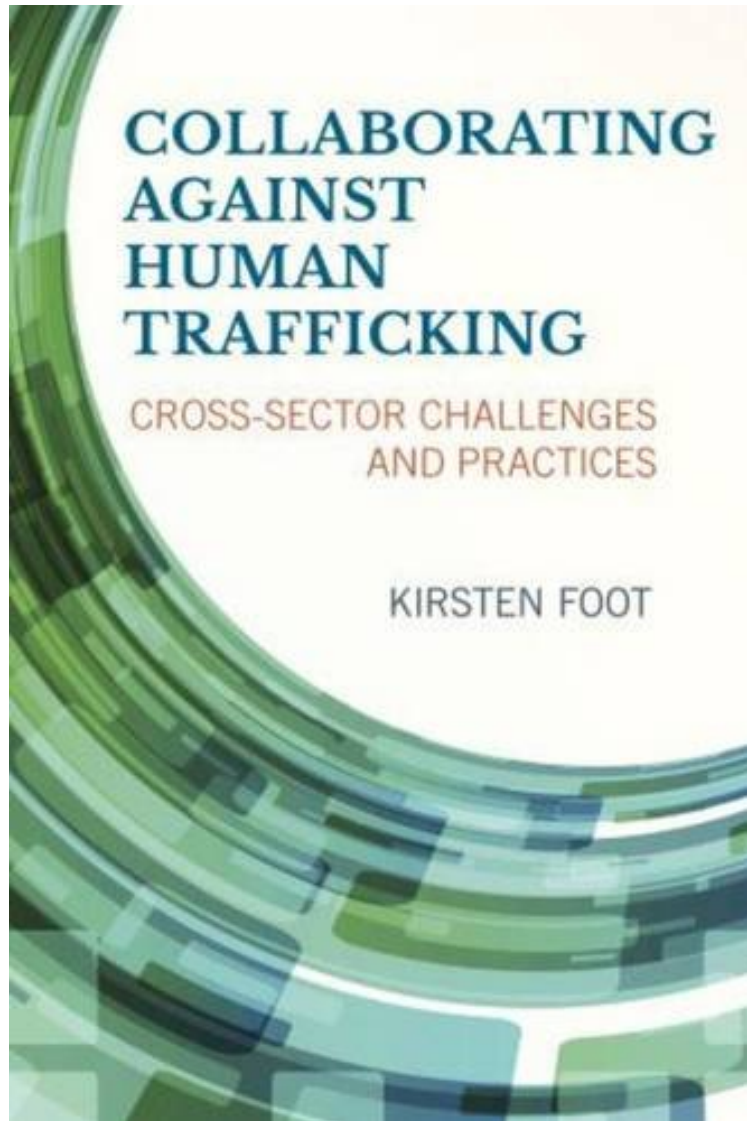


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Covers necessary topics in the fight against Human TraffickingBy Rohan GulianiProfessor Foots book treads down a necessary path that is extremely important in an area as

multidimensional and challenging as Human Trafficking. In the Understanding and Combatting Human Trafficking course that she taught at the University of Washington, the importance of cross-sector collaboration became quite clear, with many topics taken directly from this book. Professor Foot clearly illustrates why and where collaboration is needed and then lays out strategies that multiple sectors can take to better collaborate with the many other sectors involved with Human Trafficking. Sprinkled in with personal anecdotes that underlie the concepts extremely well, this book is a necessity for anyone wanting to make a real difference in the fight against Human Trafficking. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Footh Collaborating Against Human Trafficking is an excellent job that outlines various dynamics in collaboration within different sectors. She conducts her own research in multiple cities across the country, and presents in her book a very rare outlook on different problems with collaboration. For academics, students, and professionals trying to learn more about Human Trafficking, this is a new outlook on collaboration as she points out some surprising problems and difficulties with collaboration. She specifically mentions problems that arise when collaborating sectors have different beliefs, values, priorities, and power dynamics. Furthermore, she offers very realistic solutions in overcoming challenges when it comes to cross-sector collaboration, but also admits that there are some power dynamics that cannot be eliminated. Overall, Dr. Footh's commitment to her research has allowed her to shine light on successful cross-sector partnerships to combat human trafficking. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. and values and how those interplay with collaboration makes this book a useful tool for collaborators outside of the anti-trafficking realm. Footh's analysis of race and gender in multi-sector anti-trafficking efforts sets this book apart from not only other anti-trafficking books, but also other collaborative organizational books. After reading that portion of the book, I became more aware of how race and gender affect the way someone contributes or is allowed to contribute to a collaborative process. This book has prompted me to observe more keenly the dynamics that race and gender create in my own collaborative projects.

Examining the systemic tensions—including differences in financial resources, status, race, gender, beliefs, and values—that too often hinder cross-sector collaboration in the fight against modern slavery, Kirsten Foot offers insights and tools for re-thinking the power dynamics of partnering. For more information and related resources, please visit <http://CollaboratingAgainstTrafficking.info>.

Footh's honest and critical attention throughout her book to the visible and the not-so-visible challenges to cross-sector collaboration against human trafficking is a refreshingly clever approach to partnership-building within this growing field. Though human trafficking is often cited as a crime that is 'hidden in plain sight', Foot works to confront this belief in her book by encouraging stakeholders of all backgrounds and positioning - from victims to survivors to law enforcement, governments and VSPs - to persevere through challenges of collaboration together. In doing so, Foot makes a strong case for an achievable and worthwhile way forward in the anti-trafficking arena in the United States and beyond. (Slavery Today: A Multidisciplinary Journal of Human Trafficking Solutions)[Foot's] insights into the roles of gender, race, class, and nonsurvivor or survivor status contribute important knowledge to the countertrafficking field. They may also point to further lines of inquiry. Because human trafficking hinges on the disempowerment and debasement of human beings, Footh's special attention to the role of power dynamics within counter-trafficking collaborations appears particularly important for social workers and other collaborators to consider closely. Footh's many years of study, her balanced and inclusive approach, and her dissemination of practical knowledge makes her a reliable source of information for those who are committed to improving or building their own countertrafficking collaborations. (Social Work)Kirsten Footh's book is a timely contribution to the field. This book in many ways reveals some of the implicit and silent barriers and impediments that influence collaboration efforts; some of which may be true to any sector, and some of which may be specific to the countertrafficking field. Overall, the book offers some interesting and important accounts. [I]t is a well-written book, it weaves together anecdote, data analysis, and the broader literature in an assured and engaging way, and it will be of interest to those seeking to improve collaboration efforts and to scholars of communication studies more generally. (Journal of Human Trafficking)I enjoyed reading this book and believe it should be required reading for all management researchers with an interest in multisector collaboration and its role in social and environmental justice. Footh's work is academically rooted but also the product of direct experience in the field. Her observations are based on the literature, an in-depth study of various collaborations around trafficking, and her own experience volunteering in the sector. The book is full of fascinating vignettes from her field research that bring the topic to life. And given that these vignettes always at least touch on, and often engage deeply with, the horrors of trafficking, they keep the reader highly engaged in a way not often

encountered in our field. (Administrative Science Quarterly)[Foot] presents a first-hand account and thoughtfully constructed conclusions around the many issues that develop when anti-trafficking organizations work together towards defeating human trafficking. The book summarizes and provides a clear structure to many issues that have yet to be collectively considered in this field. Foot has written a highly practical text that makes many useful suggestions for improving inter-organizational collaboration by offering group exercises and resources that combat human trafficking. Her protocols are well referenced and include detailed footnotes. Overall, Foot succeeds in drawing the reader in with captivating notes from her interviews, field work and experiences and utilizes jargon that is accessible to audiences of different levels. This text is succinct yet detailed, and the author makes a clear point to remain as impartial as possible in order to encourage the reader to view issues presented from multiple perspectives. This book is very relevant to inter-professional care because it can be used as a point of reference when considering potential issues and improvements for collaboration within not only criminal justice and social work, but also other health-related and community-focused fields. Foot states that trust, respect and perseverance are the values required to improve interdisciplinary collaboration a necessary and central factor in the fight against human trafficking. (Journal of Interprofessional Care)Collaborating against Human Trafficking addresses a very important issue: what works in much vaunted partnerships to fight trafficking. Policymakers, scholars, and aspiring activists would do well to heed the lessons about sound and aligned goals in this book, as those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it. (Hon. Mark P. Lagon, president of Freedom House and former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large to Combat Trafficking in Persons)As a survivorship expert, I consider this book a must read for anyone working to counter human trafficking. (Sheila M. Houston, MNPL, pastor and founder of Rare Coins Ministries)Foot has written an excellent book: thoughtful, well researched, and instructive. I urge business leaders to read it and engage in the twenty-first-century fight against human slavery. (Marilyn Carlson Nelson, co-founder of the Global Business Coalition Against Trafficking; former chair and CEO of Carlson; recipient of a U.S. Presidential Award for Extraordinary Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons; recipient of a U.S. State Department Trafficking in Persons Hero Award; recipient of the U.N. G.I.F.T.s Business Leaders Award)This useful and much needed resource explores hard truths of collaboration in honest and helpful ways. (Kathleen Morris, program manager, Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network, International Rescue Committee in Seattle)Foot brings to light the challenges of cross-sector collaboration, the frustrations and rewards for those involved in collaborative anti-trafficking efforts, and what can be achieved or lost. This highly readable book should be required reading for anyone engaged in collaborative work. (John Vanek, leadership and antihuman trafficking consultant, Lt. (Ret.), San Jose Police Human Trafficking Task Force)An excellent examination of multisector collaboration. Kirsten Foot draws on astute research, exceptional insights, and illustrative examples to beautifully explain both the tensions inherent in and the benefits to be derived from incorporating many intersecting perspectives. (AnnJanette Alejano-Steele, cofounder of the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking)Anyone who has worked on the ground to end trafficking will instantly recognize the trials, tradeoffs, and triumphs involved in collaborative work. Foot takes the reader directly into these day-to-day efforts, demonstrating how much has been learned and how much more there still is to do. (Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick, Joan B Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego)About the AuthorKirsten Foot is professor of communication at the University of Washington. She has published extensively on organizing processes, digital media, and practice-based theory; she serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Human Trafficking, and on advisory committees for several multi-sector anti-trafficking initiatives.