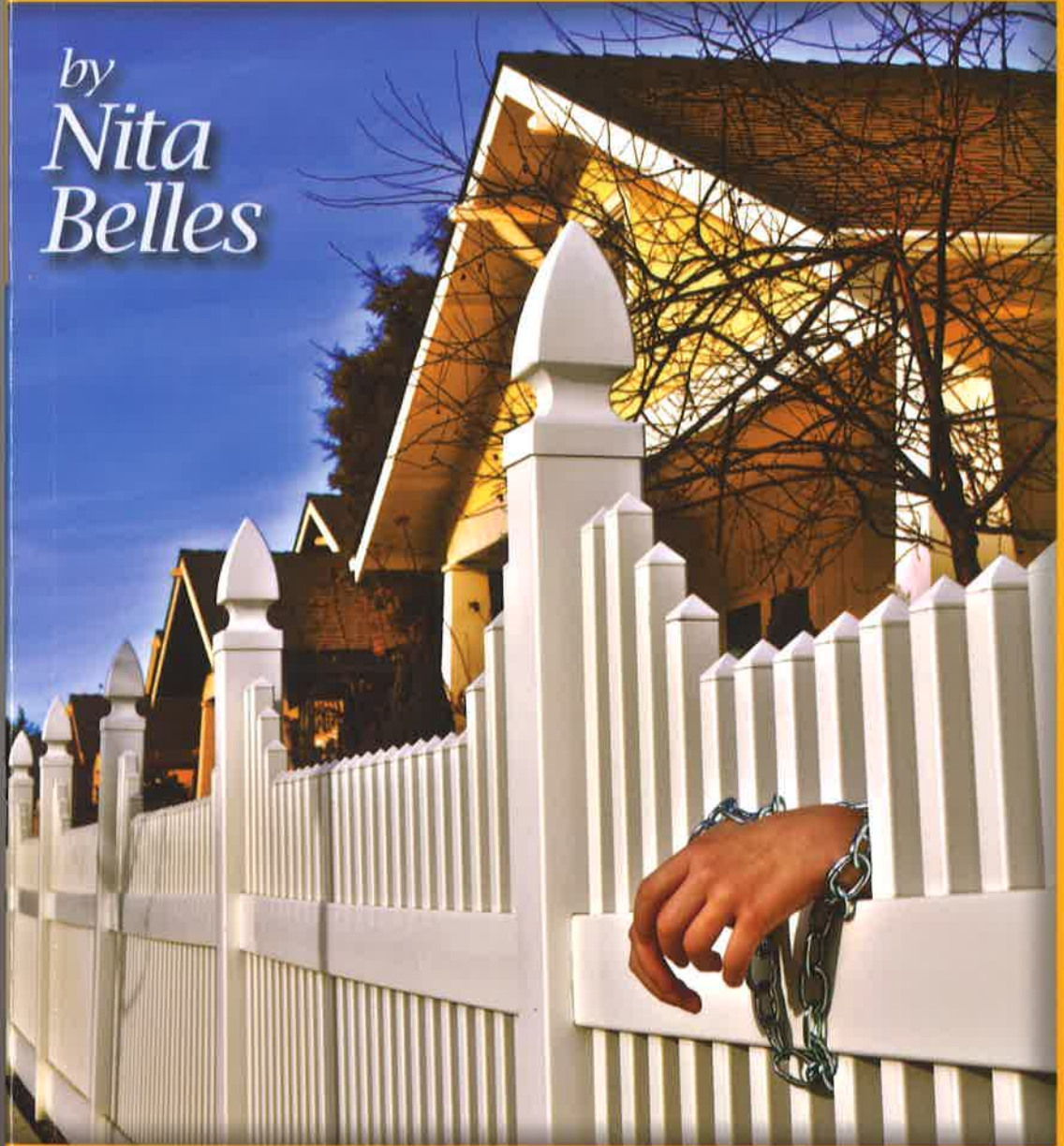


# *In Our Backyard*

*A Christian Perspective on Human  
Trafficking in the United States*

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*In Our Backyard* invites the reader in to the lives of human trafficking victims, survivors and the traffickers themselves with *true* stories. These stories not only inform the reader, but also take them quickly through a well-documented crash course about human trafficking—better described as modern-day slavery—in the United States. A quick read which includes study questions for small groups, *In Our Backyard* could change your life and save lives around you.

"In Our Backyard is a call to action, and demonstrates that we can all play a part in eradicating human trafficking whether we adopt a faith-based, business, or any other approach."

—*Marc Klaas, founder of KlaasKids, frequent guest on CNN's Nancy Grace and other news networks*

"The aptly titled *In Our Backyard* is superb, and does as much as any book to shed light on how economic forces—greed and demand, and even advertising—propel trafficking. Belles shows conclusively how the fight against today's slavery wouldn't have been started without Christian good works and won't be completed without them."

—*Mark Lagon, former U.S. Ambassador and Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP), former Executive Director and CEO of the Polaris Project, and Chair, International Relations and Security, Georgetown University MSFS Program.*

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—*David Joel Hamilton, Vice President for Strategic Innovation, University of the Nations, Youth with a Mission (YWAM)*

"Nita Belles has done us a great favor. She not only addresses the sensational aspects of human trafficking in a clearly documented manner—she has the chutzpah to point out the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about."

—*Dr. Ted Roberts, CSAT CMAT  
Bestselling Author, Pastor and Clinical Counselor;  
Founder, Pure Desire Ministries International*



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