

## **Poverty in the United States (Nonfiction)**

- *Poverty in the United States: A Handbook* (2003) – John Iceland  
This book provides an in-depth look at the trends, patterns, and causes of poverty, utilizing the latest statistics, historical data, and social scientific theory.
- *Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America* (1989) – Jonathan Kozol  
The author spent months interviewing homeless men, women and children who live in the Martinique Hotel in New York City.
- *America's Struggle Against Poverty in the Twentieth Century* (2000) – James T. Patterson.  
Patterson explores the debate over poverty and social welfare in the 1900, including the impact of welfare reform in 1996.
- *A Different Shade of Gray: Midlife and Beyond in the Inner City* (2003) – Katherine S. Newman  
Harvard professor Katherine Newman offers a look at aging in the inner city.
- *When Did I See You Hungry?* (2002) – Gerard Thomas Straub  
Straub tells the story of the poor through a series of photographs.
- *The "Underclass" Debate: Views from History* (1993) – Michael B. Katz, ed.  
A collection of essays focusing on the causes of poverty in America.
- *Lives on the Line: American Families and the Struggle to Make Ends Meet* (1999) – Martha Shirk  
The author melds demographic analysis with personal profiles to show what life is like for children growing up in poverty.
- *Understanding Poverty* (2002) – Sheldon Danziger and Robert Haveman, eds.  
The authors explore how the poor have fared since President Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."
- *Nickeled and Dimed: On (Not Making It In America* (2001) – Barbara Ehrenreich  
Anthropologist Ehrenreich spent a year trying to survive in low-wage jobs, and provides us with a portrait of the working poor in America.
- *There are no Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America* (1991) – Alex Kotlowitz  
A powerful, personal account of two families living in the Chicago ghetto. Inspired by Michael Harrington's *The Other America*.