

BOOK CLUB IN A BOX

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOST

BEFORE YOUR DISCUSSION

- Email an invitation to your book group members
- *Evicted* is available at most libraries and independent bookstores. King's English Bookshop in Salt Lake City is offering a 10% discount on this book.
- **A Home of Their Own** (30 min) is available to stream at pbsutah.org/home-of-their-own
- Join the Facebook Group "Book Club in a Box Discussion Group" to find ideas, helpful links, etc.
- During your discussion:
 - Make PBS Utah materials in the box available to the group
 - Show clips from the film
 - Take photos to share with PBS Utah and Facebook group

AFTER YOUR DISCUSSION

- Please have members fill out feedback forms and mail back to PBS Utah
- Share your photos and ideas with others on the Facebook Group
- Invite your book club members to join the Facebook Group via email
- Complete host survey
(Link will be emailed to you after your discussion)



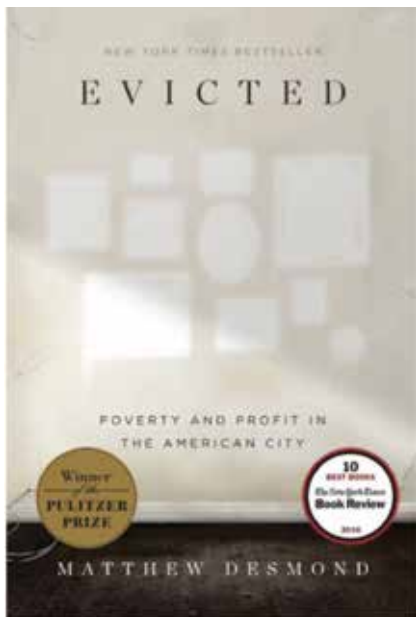
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GET INVOLVED!

You chose this box because you are interested in these stories and issues. If you were inspired to learn more about the people experiencing homelessness, you can join those making a difference. Learn more by visiting these organizations:

- **Utah Housing Coalition**
utahhousing.org
- **Fourth Street Clinic**
fourthstreetclinic.org
- **Utah Homeless Shelter Directory:**
homelessshelterdirectory.org/utah
- **The Road Home**
theroadhome.org
- **Crossroads Urban Center:**
crossroadsurbancenter.org
- **Feeding America**
feedingamerica.org
- **Utah Food Bank**
utahfoodbank.org
- **American Indians in Children's Literature**
americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com





EVICTED: POVERTY AND PROFIT IN THE AMERICAN CITY

In *Evicted*, Princeton sociologist Matthew Desmond follows eight families in Milwaukee as they each struggle to keep a roof over their heads. Hailed as “wrenching and revelatory” (*The Nation*), “vivid and unsettling” (*New York Review of Books*), *Evicted* transforms our understanding of poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving one of twenty-first-century America’s most devastating problems. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

Matthew Desmond Author

Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University. After receiving his Ph.D. in 2010 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, he joined the Harvard Society of Fellows as a Junior Fellow. He is the author of four books, including *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, which won the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Critics Circle Award, and Carnegie Medal, and *PEN / John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction*. The principal investigator of *The Eviction Lab*, Desmond’s research focuses on poverty in America, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography. He is the recipient of a MacArthur “Genius” Fellowship, the American Bar Association’s Silver Gavel Award, and the William Julius Wilson Early Career Award.

A HOME OF THEIR OWN

PBS Utah follows three Utah families to shed light on the complicated issues they face in the half-hour documentary, **A Home of Their Own**. For parents who find themselves homeless, finding a safe place to take their children is a daily struggle. Some seek refuge with friends and relatives. For others, the only choice is to turn to an emergency shelter. “When you think of homeless people, you think of panhandlers or people sleeping on park benches,” says Kathleen, a mother of three who is featured in the film. “You don’t think of mothers and fathers and single parents with children.”

Since 2009, the number of homeless families in the state has increased by 17 percent. Poverty, domestic violence, lack of affordable housing, drug addiction, and untreated mental illness all contribute to the increase in homelessness. A single life crisis such as losing a job, being evicted from an apartment, or an expensive medical bill can force a family into an emergency shelter — which can be traumatic for both parents and children.



SALLY SHAUM Filmmaker, Producer

Through the power of storytelling, Sally Shaum believes public television can build community and change lives. As a PBS Utah Producer-Director, Sally is intrigued by stories of the lives of Utahns. Telling stories of both present and past, Sally has produced/directed documentaries on Utah’s children, war veterans, refugee youth, the Southern Paiutes of Utah, and homeless issues. Sally is a graduate of The University of Utah, and is the recipient of multiple Rocky Mountain Emmy awards for production excellence.

Based on the 2019 State of Utah Affordable Housing Report, 183,220 low-income Utah households pay more than half their income for rent, often forgoing necessities, like food or medicine, to keep a roof over their heads. When low-income renters cannot find a decent, affordable apartment, they are more likely to be evicted and risk becoming homeless and sick.

Before coronavirus, there were only 31 rental homes affordable and available for every 100 of the lowest-income renter households in Utah. A renter must make \$18.30/hour to be able to afford a modest 2-bedroom apartment in Utah. Utah has over 417,000 jobs that make less than \$18.30/hour.

Housing is Health Care, Housing is Education, Housing is Shelter, Housing is Justice, Housing is Economic Upward Mobility. Let's start supporting those who make us whole in our community and economy.

1. What was your experience reading Evicted and watching A Home of Their Own?

- Were you surprised by what you learned?
- Was any particular scene or person's story emotionally painful for you to witness?
- Which person's story were you most drawn to and why?

2. Have you ever been evicted or short/late on your rent, or do you know anyone who has?

- If the answer is yes, what was your/Sherrena experience like and how has it affected your/their life?

3. Many people have codified perceptions of "people who get evicted or cannot pay their rent" and suspect those people are largely responsible-through bad decision making.

- Did you feel this way before reading this book and watching the documentary?

4. Sherrena Tarver claimed to have found her calling as an inner-city entrepreneur stating, "The 'hood is good. There's a lot of money there" (page 152).

- How did Sherrena profit from being a landlord in poor communities?
- Do you think her profits were justified?
- What risks do they take?
- Do you sympathize with Serrena?

5. What responsibilities do landlords have when renting their property?

- Do you know anyone who has had a similar experience here in Utah?

6. In both the book and documentary it is evident how much the parents love their children. In the book Arleen, Vanetta, and Pam and Ned frequently find themselves shut out of available housing and resort to lies in order to secure a place to live.

- Are these lies justified?
- Do you think the families in the documentary had the same struggles?
- If you have children, how far would you go to shelter your family?

7. Although eviction is the central issue in the book, affordable housing interacts intimately with many other social issues. For example:

- Do parents who have trouble providing safe housing for their children deserve to have them taken away and put in foster care?
- Would affordable housing make it easier for addicts and recovering addicts (such as Scott) to enroll in programs that increase their chances of rehabilitation?
- Eviction affects many issues for families. Talk about examples from the book or film or from your own life experience.

8. How does race factor into the struggles faced by the individuals profiled in the book and the documentary?

- a. What about being a woman?
- b. Or a single parent?

9. How did people in the book and documentary rely on friends and extended kin to get by?

- a. Why do you think Crystal made the decision to let Arleen and her sons stay until they found another residence?
- b. Did this do anything to lift them out of poverty or distress?
- c. What limitations do these short-term relationships have?

10. Why did Doreen choose not to call Sherrena when the house was in desperate need of repair?

- a. Do you agree that “The house failed the tenants, and the tenants failed the house” (page 256)?

- b. Although the documentary did not touch on substandard housing, how do you believe this plays a role in our communities with low incomes?
- c. What effects does living in a home that is not decent or functional have on a person’s psychological and emotional health?

11. The biggest housing subsidy in America is for homeowners. Mortgage Interest Deduction now costs about \$30 billion per year. Another tax benefit for homeowners, which renters do not receive, is the tax exclusion of capital gains on primary residents, which costs about \$36 billion per year. That is a total of 66 billion per year for homeowners and the HUD budget is only 44.2 billion. 1 out of 4 people who needs help does not receive it.

- a. How do we justify allowing this while people do not earn enough money to pay rent and are sleeping on the streets?
- b. How would you address this issue?



TARA ROLLINS

Tara Rollins joined the Utah Housing Coalition as its first full time Executive Director in 2005. Tara moved from New Hampshire with her husband 25 years ago to ski the powder of Utah. She worked at ASSIST Inc., a community design center, for 10 years helping low income homeowners with emergency home repairs. Tara has sat on many boards throughout the community and continues her commitment to housing choices for all.



FRANCISCA BLANC

Francisca Blanc joined Utah Housing Coalition in 2008 for three years and returned to affordable housing advocacy in September 2019. Francisca is passionate about her work and she works tirelessly to address the rights of all who do not have a voice. Currently, Francisca is assisting Centerville Mobile Home Estates’ park owner and residents to stop the sale to a developer who will eliminate the only affordable housing left in Centerville and replace it with market rate townhomes and condos.

In Utah, 347,370 people are struggling with hunger - and of them 113,190 are children. Charitable programs are unable to fully support those struggling with hunger. The combination of charity and government assistance programs are necessary to help bridge the meal gap.

Typically, we offer a recipe that is relevant to the discussion to prepare for your book club. Given that this discussion has a focus on poverty, we thought you might want to encourage your book club to bring food items to donate to your local food bank. Below is a list of food banks, food collection organizations, and food distribution services that you might be interested in.

BEAVER:

Beaver Care & Share Beaver
50 S 100 E St, Beaver, UT 84713
435-438-6266

Beaver Care & Share Milford
451 North Main Street
Milford, UT 84751
435-387-5398

BOX ELDER:

Box Elder Community Food Pantry
272 N 200 W,
Brigham City, UT 84302
435-723-1449

Tremont Community Food Pantry
180 S. Tremont Street Tremonton, UT 84337
435-257-9530

CACHE:

Cache Community Food Pantry
359 S. Main Street
Logan, UT 84321
435-753-7140

CARBON:

Carbon County Food Bank
75 E. 400 S.
Price, UT 84501
435-637-5444

Trinity Christian Center Pantry
925 E. Main Street
Price, UT 84501
435-637-8968

DAGGETT:

Flaming Gorge Food Pantry
93 North 100 West
Manila, UT 84046
435-784-3993

DAVIS:

Asamblea Apostolica en Layton
389 S State Street
Clearfield, UT 84015

Bountiful Community Food Pantry
480 E 150 N,
Bountiful, UT 84010
801-299-8464

Ladies of Charity Center of Hope Food Pantry
74 S Orchard Dr
North Salt Lake, UT 84010
801-706-3101

HOPE CENTER-PANTRY OF HOPE

545 State St,
Clearfield, UT 84015
801-837-4673

Layton Hills Baptist Church - Fish 'N Loaves
1332 N Hillfield Road
Layton, UT
801-544-2426

OPEN DOORS FOOD BANK

875 UT-193
Layton, UT 84040
(801) 771-4642

DUCHESNE:

Duchesne County Food Pantry
420 E. 100 S. Roosevelt, UT 84066
435-722-5232

Westside Food Pantry
8180 S. 21000 W. Duchesne, UT 84006
801-738-2854

EMERY:

Emery County Food Bank
40 S. Center St. Castle Dale, UT 84513
435-381-5410

Green River Community Center Food Pantry
125 S Long St
Green River, UT 84525
435-564-8221

GARFIELD:

Garfield County Care & Share Escalante
75 N 100 W Unit 4
Escalante, UT 84726
435-826-4665

Garfield County Care & Share Panguitch
81 N 40 W,
Panguitch, UT 84759
435-676-2509

GRAND:

Grand County Food Bank
56 N. 200 E.
Moab, UT 84532
435-259-6456

Episcopal Church of St. Francis
250 Kane Creek Boulevard, Moab, UT, USA
435-260-9860

IRON:

Iron County Care & Share Food Bank
222 W. 900 N.
Cedar City, UT 84720
435-586-4962

True Life Center Pantry
2111 N. Main
Cedar City, UT 84720
435-559-6966

JUAB:

Central Utah Food Sharing-Juab Nephi
33 E.100 N.
Nephi, UT 84648
435-896-1685

First Baptist Church of Nephi Food Pantry
625 S 400 E
Nephi, UT
435-660-9142

KANE:

Kane County Care & Share Kanab
56 W. 450 N.
Kanab, UT 84741
435-691-0228

MILLARD:

Central Utah Food Sharing - Millard Delta
162 W. 100 S.
Delta, UT 84624
435-864-2089

Central Utah Food Sharing - Millard Fillmore
263 S Main
Fillmore, UT 84631
435-864-2089

MORGAN:

Morgan County Food Pantry
90 W. Young Street
Morgan, UT 84050
801-829-8533

PIUTE:

Central Utah Food Sharing - Piute Junction
100 North 200 West
Junction, UT 84740
435-896-5225

RICH:

Rich County Senior Center Pantry
21 North Main St
Rudolph, UT 84064
435-793-2122

SALT LAKE:

Casa de Oracion SLC
1946 W. Parkway Boulevard, West Valley City, UT
801.674.7241

Crossroads Urban Center
347 S. 400 E.
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
801-364-7765

Crossroads - Westside Food Pantry
1358 West Indiana Avenue, Salt Lake City, UT
801.935.4079

Ebenezer Food Pantry
820 South 300 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
801-355-8826

Granger Community Christian Church Pantry
4100 S. 3232 W.
Granger, UT 84119
801-968-3301

Hope Unlimited Community Church Pantry
4115 West Sams Boulevard, Kearns, UT
801-907-0013

House of Prayer Pantry
829 S. 200 W.
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Iglesia De Jesucristo Pantry
5484 S. 4200 W.
Kearns, UT 84118

Jewish Family Service Pantry
495 E 4500 S, Suite 10
Salt Lake City, UT 84107
801-746-4334

First Baptist Church of Kearns Food Pantry
4445 W 5175 S
Kearns, UT 84118
801-981-8717

Mesopotamia Community Pantry
3925 S State Street Ste D,
Salt Lake City, UT
502-233-5747

Mosaic Interfaith Ministries Pantry
4392 900 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84124
801-588-0139

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Murray Park Church of Christ Pantry
494 E 5300 S
Murray, UT 84107
801-293-7000

New Hope Pantry
1102 West 400 North
Salt Lake City, UT
801-930-0675

Nueva Esperanza Community Service
7681 S 2200 W
West Jordan, UT 84084

Pentecostal Church of God International
Movement Pantry
6180 S 4590 W
Kearns, UT 84118
801-955-5050

RCCG-House of His Glory Pantry
213 W 4800 S
Murray, UT 84107
801-994-2308

UCA-Redwood Food & Resource Center
3060 S. Lester St.
West Valley City, UT 84119
801-972-6661

Ruth's Kitchen at Discovery Christian Community
5929 S 900 E,
Murray, UT 84121
801-266-3600

Salt Lake City Mission Pantry
1151 S. Redwood Road #106 SLC, UT 84104
801-355-6310

UCA-Copperview Food &
Resource Center
8446 Harrison Street,
Midvale, UT 84047
801-255-3516

Saint Andrew Catholic Parish Pantry
11835 S 3600 W,
Riverton, UT 84065
801-446-3500

St. James Episcopal Church Pantry
7486 Union Park Ave,
Midvale, UT 84047
801-566-1766

Cathedral Church of St. Mark-Hildegard's Pantry
231 E 100 S,
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
801-328-2303

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Food Pantry
261 900 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84102
801-322-5869

Somali Community/SMA
1361 S State Street Suite 132, SLC, UT 84115
801-864-2483

Taylorville Food Pantry
4775 Plymouth View Drive, Taylorville, UT
801-815-0003

The Adventure Church - Jesus Feeds
352 W 12300 S, Draper, UT 84020
801-688-7251

The Concern Center
1235 West California Avenue
Salt Lake City, UT 84104
801-972-5708

The Salvation Army Family Services Program SLC
438 S 900 W,
Salt Lake City, UT 84104
801-988-4204

Tongan United Methodist Church Pantry
1533 West Crystal Avenue, West Valley City, UT
801-972-1090

Utah AIDS Foundation
1408 S. 1100 E.
Salt Lake City, UT
801-487-2323

The UNP Hartland Partnership Center Pantry
1578 West 1700 South,
Salt Lake City, UT
801.864.2483

SAN JUAN:
Bluff Community Center
375 E Mulberry,
Bluff, UT 84512
801-718-8007

Transitions Pantry Monument Valley
Rock Canyon Blvd,
Monument Valley, UT
435-727-3305

SANPETE:
Sanpete Pantry
1080 Blackhawk Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, UT 84647
435-462-3006

SEVIER:
Central Utah Food Sharing-Sevier Richfield
91 E. 1000 S.
Richfield, UT 84701
435-896-5225

SUMMIT:
Christian Center of Park City
1283 Deer Valley Drive
Park City, UT 84068
435-649-2260

CAS - Coalville Food Pantry
17 S Main St, Coalville, UT
435-336-4277

CAS - Kamas Food Pantry
30 S Main St, Kamas, UT
801-373-8200

TOOELE:
First Baptist Church of Tooele Food Pantry
580 S. Main Street
Tooele, UT 84074
435-882-5581

New Life Christian Fellowship Pantry
411 E. Utah Avenue
Tooele, UT 84074
435-843-7430

Valley Food Bank
38 S. Main Street
Tooele, UT 84074
435-566-5936

UINTAH:
Ashley Valley Food Pantry
426 E. 200 S.
Vernal, UT 84078
435-789-1014

UTAH:
Agape Community Center
765 East 100 North
Payson, UT 84651

CAS - Provo Food Bank
815 S. Freedom Blvd #100 Provo, UT 84601
801-373-8200

Iglesia Emanuel Pantry
1403 West 820 North,
Provo, UT
361-944-0591

Tabitha's Way Pantry North County
920 East State Road, Suite C
American Fork, UT 84003
801-692-1881

Tabitha's Way Pantry South County
140 North Main Street Spanish Fork,
UT 84660
801-830-3951

WASATCH:
CAS-Heber Food Pantry
34 W. 200 S.
Heber, UT 84032
435-654-2182

Heber Valley Center Stage Pantry
55 E. Center Street
Heber, UT 84032
435-657-9493

WASHINGTON:
Grace Episcopal Church Pantry
1072 E 900 S,
St. George, UT 84790
435-628-1181

Hurricane Valley Food Pantry
450 E. 800 N.
Hurricane, UT 84797
435-635-0995

Iglesia De Dios De La Profecia Pantry
1192 Sunset Blvd, Ste. 5,
St. George, UT 84770
702-513-7060

Solomon's Porch Pantry
1495 South Black Ridge Drive, St. George, UT
435.669.9070

Switchpoint Pantry
948 N 1300 W,
St. George, UT 84770
435-628-9310

The Salvation Army St. George Service Center
803 S Bluff St,
St. George, UT
435-218-6243

WAYNE:
Central Utah Food Sharing - Wayne Bicknell
475 South 300 East
Bicknell, UT 84715
435-896-5225

Central Utah Food Sharing - Wayne
Hanksville
30 South Hwy 95
Hanksville, UT 84749
435-896-5225

WEBER:
CCS Joyce Hansen
2504 F Avenue
Ogden, Utah 84401
801-394-5944

First Baptist Church of Ogden
2519 Jefferson Avenue,
Ogden, UT
801-621-1761

First Baptist Church of Roy Food Pantry
2025 W 5700 S,
Roy, UT 84067
801-825-7425

Griffin Memorial Church of God in Christ Pantry
2424 E Ave
Ogden, UT 84401

Hope Resurrected Church Community
Food Pantry
2279 Jackson Avenue,
Ogden, UT 84401

Ogden Seventh Day Adventist Pantry
2185 Taylor Ave,
Ogden, UT 84401

Iglesia de Dios Ebenezer Pantry
786 W 24th St,
Ogden, UT 84401
801-458-6221

Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership
3159 Grant Ave,
Ogden, UT 84401
801-399-9281

The Salvation Army Family Services
Program Ogden
2615 Grant Ave.
Ogden, UT 84401
801-621-3580

