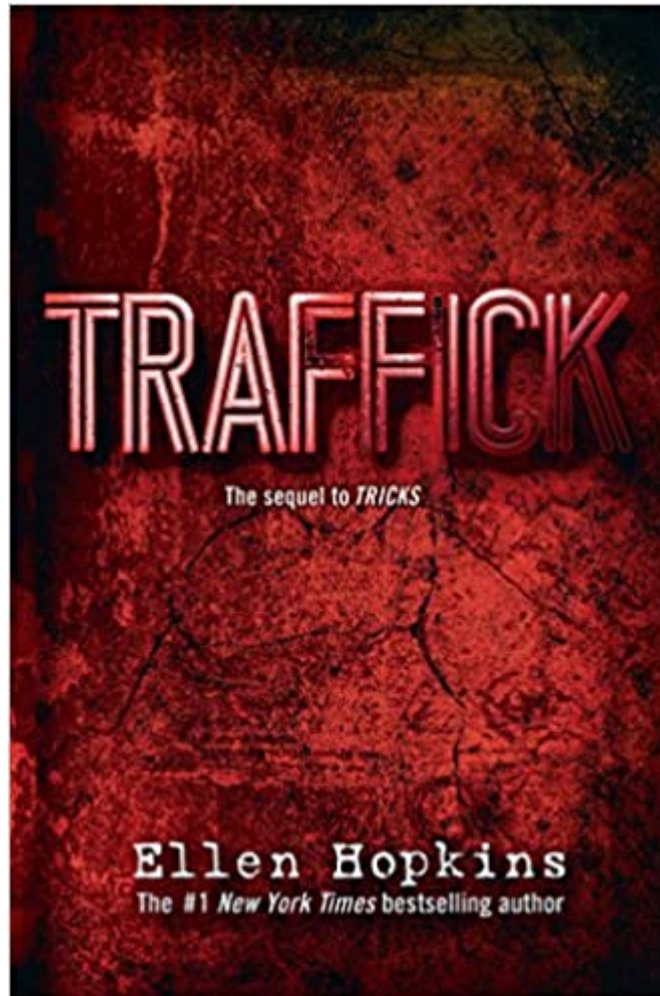




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Traffick



Synopsis

Five teens victimized by sex trafficking try to find their way to a new life in this “sincere and moving” (Booklist) companion to the #1 New York Times bestselling *Tricks* from Ellen Hopkins, author of *Crank*. In her bestselling novel, *Tricks*, Ellen Hopkins introduced us to five memorable characters tackling these enormous questions: Eden, the preacher’s daughter who turns tricks in Vegas and is helped into a child prostitution rescue; Seth, the gay farm boy disowned by his father who finds himself without money or resources other than his own body; Whitney, the privileged kid coaxed into the life by a pimp and whose dreams are ruined in a heroin haze; Ginger, who runs away from home with her girlfriend and is arrested for soliciting an undercover cop; and Cody, whose gambling habit forces him into the life, but who is shot and left for dead. And now, in *Traffick*, these five are faced with the toughest question of all: Is there a way out? How these five teenagers face the aftermath of their decisions and experiences is the soul of this story that exposes the dark, ferocious underbelly of the child trafficking trade. Heartwrenching and hopeful, *Traffick* takes us on five separate but intertwined journeys through the painful challenges of recovery, rehabilitation, and renewal to forgiveness and love. All the way home.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 10 Up • In this sequel to *Tricks* (S. & S., 2009), the author revisits the lives of five very different young adults who ended up victims of sex trafficking in Las Vegas. Hopkins spares no details while relaying the dire circumstances Eden, Seth, Whitney, Ginger, and Cody experienced and yet still manages to infuse each character’s story with hope. The protagonists have to decide

what their futures will hold and how much they want to fight to get there. Reading the first novel is not necessary, as enough backstory is provided. However, some readers may prefer to understand the teens' path to sex trafficking before reading this story of redemption. Hopkins clearly has done her research, as detailed in an author's note, and the stories carry even more weight when readers realize that this is the reality many children and teens face. Hopkins's use of free verse allows the raw emotion to shine through, and mature teens will hang on to every word. VERDICT Ordering is a must for libraries where the first was popular. Recommended widely for older YA readers. — Kelly Jo Lasher, Middle Township High School, Cape May Court House, NJ --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Hopkins's use of free verse allows the raw emotion to shine through, and mature teens will hang on to every word... Recommended widely for older YA readers." (School Library Journal) "Hopkins's undeniable empathy for young people remains sincere and moving." (Booklist) Mature readers will...cry when reading this work. (School Library Connection)

I have read every single one of Ellen Hopkins books and this book is another reason why I will continue to pick up whatever book she writes. This book is about sex trafficking, and while some people may not feel comfortable with the topic, it could be worse, if that makes sense. Ellen covers the very surface of sex trafficking: drugs, rape, the legal aspect, basically it is not as graphic as speaking about sex trafficking could be. The imagery and words Ellen uses allows you to connect to the characters. Personally, I related to two of the characters (Eden & Ginger), more so because I thought they were truly forced into the life. If you are familiar with any of Hopkins previous books, this is written in the same type of format, and she has a way of writing about difficult concepts and making it a learning experience. At this point, I will stop babbling. If you have read Tricks, then pick this sequel and find out how the 5 teens come back from their life of tricking.

I had no idea there was going to be a sequel to Tricks. I logged on to one day and it was on the front page that I could preorder (which I did immediately because I am obsessed with Ellen Hopkins' work). At first, I had to pump myself up to read it. Please don't think I thought it would be bad! If you are familiar with this author, you know the emotional roller coaster of her novels. It's just something I have to prepare myself for whenever I start a new one. Traffick did not disappoint me one bit. Everything flowed flawlessly and I was completely absorbed into the story. It was not an easy read though, oh no. Every few chapters I had to put it down just to absorb everything and bring my brain

back to reality. I just loved it! I'll read it again, I know I will.

I love Ellen Hopkins. I find that she is a genius when it comes to writing and she has this incredible ability to reach many age groups with her writing. The style in which she writes makes any one able to follow the story so well, and she brings all the characters to life in such a way that you feel like you know them personally. And I love that she isn't afraid to write about the "hard stuff" that is going on in the world that affects everyone one way or another. Anyway, this book was just as incredible as I thought it would be. I don't expect anything less when it comes to this author :)

I spent my weekend reading Tricks, and Traffick. Ellen's books are amazing and always leave you wanting more. She has a wonderful way with words.

Hopkins uses sexual encounters as fillers. All her books follow the same pattern. Not really impressed with her as a writer. Eh...

It was an awesome book to read. Ellen Hopkins is a great author. Highly recommend her books to everyone. I also received it in a timely matter from . Thank you

I thought the first book was good but the sequel is even better. On multiple occasions I've found my jaw dropping. Every chapter is informative about the previous events in book one. I love Ellen Hopkins and can't wait to read more

This was a gift for my best friend who is addicted to the author and this series. I've yet to delve into it but I can say from how happy he was to add this to his collection that any fan would be ecstatic. With such a rave review from him I am certain that I will have to get into this and see for myself why it is so popular.

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