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A contemporary reader

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Putting an international reader together can be a difficult task. This one has been made relatively straightforward by the willingness of the writers to meet deadlines, often in the midst of frantic timetables and, in many cases, faced with the competing (and far more important priorities) of responding to day-to-day events in the murky, horrific and dangerous territory of child slavery. As editor I am extremely grateful to the contributors, who in nearly every case gave me little cause to panic and who responded rapidly to queries and requests for revisions. I am also grateful to staff at The Policy Press who received the proposal enthusiastically, harried me gently during the course of its writing and saw it through to production with the minimum of hassles. Any responsibility for the content of the final product lies with me. I am also grateful to colleagues at, and visitors to, WISE (Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation), who provided a supportive and comradely environment in which debates about modern slavery were strongly profiled.

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<td>African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect</td>
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<td>ASE</td>
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<td>ASEAN</td>
<td>Association of South East Asian Nations</td>
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<td>BBA</td>
<td>Bachpan Bachao Andolan (Save the Childhood Movement, India)</td>
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<td>BMG</td>
<td>Bal Mitra Gram [child-friendly village]</td>
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<td>contrat durée déterminée/indéterminée (temporary/indeterminate job contract)</td>
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<td>child domestic worker</td>
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<td>Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre</td>
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<td>Defence for Children International</td>
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