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"With its scores of original interviews and empathy for people who want to be in greater control of their lives and its sensible, workable reform agenda, *The Human Cost of Welfare* is a must-read for anyone interested in making government more accountable and improving the lives of the poorest Americans." - **Reason TV**

"A refreshingly non-partisan dissection of the social safety net's unintended consequences. It may be hard to believe that a book discussing welfare policy can be described as a page-turner, but here it is." - **Washington Independent Review of Books**

"This very readable book may stimulate some alternative approaches to making lives better." - **Choice**

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"Highly readable and thoroughly researched, this book reveals the tragic secret of our welfare state: It is hurting the people it is intended to help. *The Human Cost of Welfare* then provides practical suggestions for righting this wrong." (Peter Goettler, President, Cato Institute)

"Phil Harvey and Lisa Conyers illuminate the whole welfare picture with reports from real people about what keeps them poor and dependent. One of the stories that stays with me came from a pregnant teenager. 'In my high school,' she said, 'they even have day care for the kids of the students. The school clinics can't give out birth control, but they can take care of us and our babies.'" (Nadine Strossen, Professor, New York Law School; Former President, American Civil Liberties Union)

"When you deal regularly with welfare problems, as I did as governor of New Mexico, you see the harm that supposedly helpful government programs can do. Phil Harvey and Lisa Conyer's book paints an alarming picture of our welfare system's unintended consequences and provides valuable suggestions to make the system better." (Gary Johnson, 2012 candidate for President; Former Governor of New Mexico)

"*The Human Cost of Welfare* exposes the downside of America's welfare programs?they keep people underemployed and unemployed, preventing them from leading meaningful lives. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the disability systems for civilians and military veterans. I've studied this issue and lived it myself after losing a leg in Iraq, and I'm glad Phil Harvey and Lisa Conyers are shining a light on this huge hidden problem." (Daniel Gade, Lieutenant Colonel PhD)

"This book should be read by politicians; they're the ones who don't get it. If we can get to work we can start living that American Dream and giving our kids the life they deserve, and that we deserve too." ("Janet," Washington DC, welfare recipient)

"I'm glad you wrote this book. I'd rather be going to work today, not dealing with welfare offices, and I'd rather my daughter saw me going to work today too; your book explains why that's so hard to pull off." ("Karen," Brooklyn, NY, welfare recipient)

"It's about time somebody wrote a book about what it is really like to be on welfare; it's a joke. So many rules, so hard to get off, you just get stuck, that's all." ("Marie," Baltimore, MD, welfare recipient)

"This book is essential reading for anyone who cares about what is really happening in America. Useful, informative and sobering, it describes a dysfunctional welfare system in which one sixth of the population of one of the richest countries in history is living on food stamps. Welfare programs are helping to bring about a slow-motion destruction of the American dream." (James Bartholomew, Author of *The Welfare of Nations*)

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