

# The fight against social and economic injustice

*Lawyer, activist pens novel inspired by career*

## Making Manna by Eric Lotke

When Libby Thompson is fourteen years old, she flees her abusive home with her newborn son, Angel. Cleaning homes during the day and waitressing at night, Libby quickly learns that all her work may not be enough to build a new life. But with the help of her new roommate Sheila, Libby and Angel figure out how to live on a low income, deal with undependable police and a drug dealer who isn't what he seems.

As Angel grows up, he begins asking questions about his family, and Libby's tenuous peace threatens to crumble. *Making Manna* explores the depths of betrayal and the human capacity to love, flourish and forgive in the face of heartbreaking odds.

### About the Author

Eric Lotke has spent his career driving change in the prison system. He's spent time providing legal counsel to people incarcerated under DC law, working to reduce violence in neighborhoods, and researching how to create progressive economic change. His work with the census bureau's treatment of prisoners has led to integral changes in state law in New York, California, Delaware and Maryland and hopefully many more. His lawsuit over the exploitative price of phone calls from prison also led to new rules by the FCC.

The National Criminal Justice System commissioned him to write *The Real War on Crime*. He is the author of two novels, *2044* and *Making Manna*. He lives in Washington, DC.

### Talking Points

- Life in the prison system: what needs to change
- Top ten things you need to know about economic injustice
- Activism 101: how to drive change in your community
- Cooking at home: a secret ingredient to life on a minimum wage

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