



Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City

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Keep these questions in mind as you write your essay. They are meant to draw out your own ideas about each book and its theme.

Matthew Desmond's *Evicted* explores the housing insecurity that many families face, and how it can turn catastrophic when they are evicted by private landlords.

1. Desmond discusses how evictions are an example of how those with power profit off those who are powerless. Choose a character from the book to discuss how this happens, and what can be done to change the dynamic.
2. Arlene's story shows how evictions impact children, in particular. What challenges do you think these children will face because of the family's repeated evictions? What could be done to help children in this situation have a more stable and successful life?
3. In the epilogue, Desmond says "home" is an important place. How does eviction impact one's experience of *home*? What role do market forces play on this notion of *home*?