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With degrees from Oxford University, and visiting academic positions at universities including Columbia and Notre Dame, he has written several books and other publications. His book *Sugar and Modern Slavery*, published in the mid 1980s, was one of the first to draw attention to new forms of forced labour and trafficking in today's global economy. Other books include *Guatemala: Unnatural Disaster* (1978) and *Labour Standards and Structural Adjustment* (1994).

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