



# ONE BOOK, ONE BAKERSFIELD, ONE KERN

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## NEWS RELEASE

### The One Book Project 2017 Read of *\$2.00 a Day* Begins!

The One Book Project is pleased to announce its 2017 selection of *\$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America* by Kathryn J. Edin and H. Luke Shaefer. The entire community is invited to read and discuss one title this fall and relate its powerful themes to our lives right here in Kern County! Discover the wide variety of One Book Project events through September and October, including book and panel discussions, family storytimes, upcycled crafts, film screenings, food bank listings, and essential skills workshops. The One Book Project ends with the culminating **Author Visit & Book Signing** event on **Wednesday, November 1 at 7pm at CSUB Icardo Center**.

Libraries are anything but quiet! Join in the discussion and connect with your community – one page at a time! *\$2.00 a Day* is available for checkout in print, eBook, eAudiobook, & book on CD from the Kern County Library, and also is available for purchase from local bookstores.

#### Younger readers can join the conversation with these companion titles:

##### **Flower Garden**

by Eve Bunting  
(gr. K-1)

##### **Maddi's Fridge**

by Lois Brandt & Vin Vogel  
(gr. 1-3)

##### **Seedfolks**

by Paul Fleischman  
(gr. 4+)

#### About the Book

A revelatory account of a kind of poverty so extreme, and so often hidden, most Americans don't even think it exists. Kathryn Edin teamed up with Luke Shaefer to make a surprising discovery: the number of American families living on \$2.00 per person, per day, has skyrocketed to one and a half million American households, including three million children. Where do these families live? How did they get so desperately poor? What do they do to survive? Not just a powerful exposé, *\$2.00 a Day* delivers new evidence and ideas to our national, and local, debate on income inequality.

#### About the One Book Project

Also known as One Book, One Bakersfield, One Kern, the One Book Project was founded in 2002. This year will mark our 16<sup>th</sup> annual community read. Every year, the project is led by the Kern County Library and California State University, Bakersfield, and every year it has many community partners. The Project encourages the entire community to share experiences related to one single book through discussions, educational programming, and entertainment. The Read is designed to draw the community together, cross cultural divides, and enhance understanding of the diversity of our communities, all while supporting literacy.

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