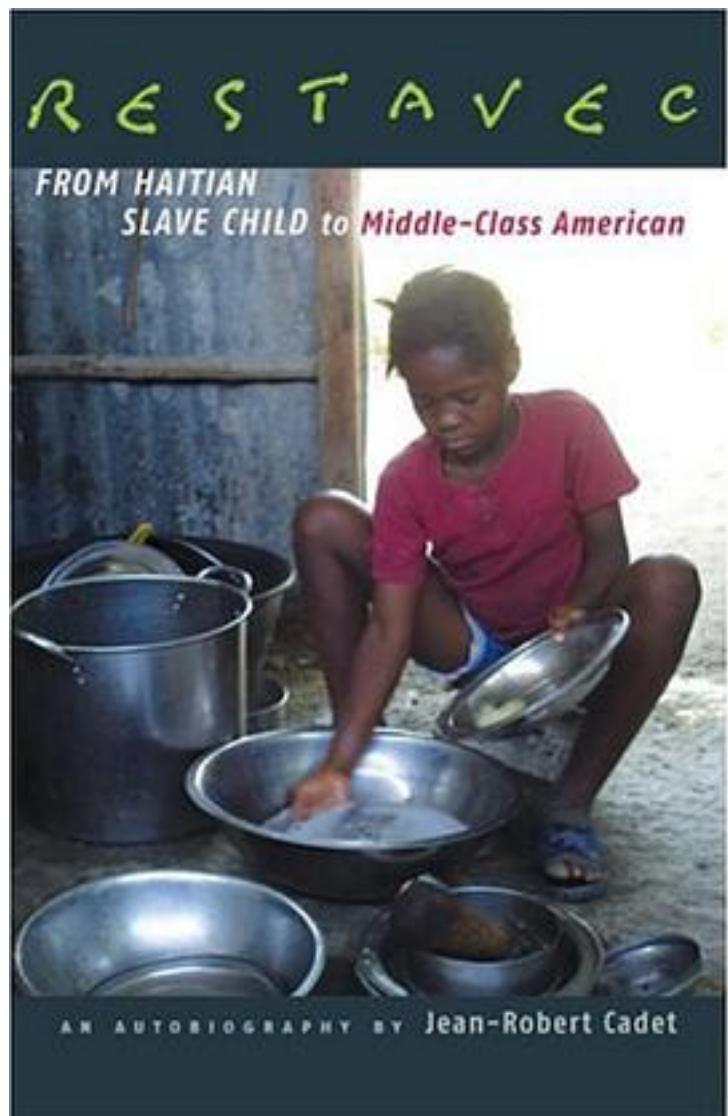


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African slaves in Haiti emancipated themselves from French rule in 1804 and created the first independent black republic in the Western Hemisphere. But they reinstated slavery for the most vulnerable members of Haitian society—the children of the poor—by using them as unpaid servants to the wealthy. These children were and still are *restavecs*, a French term whose literal meaning of "staying with" disguises the unremitting labour, abuse, and denial of education that characterizes the children's lives. In this memoir, Jean-Robert Cadet recounts the harrowing story of his youth as a *restavec*, as well as his inspiring climb to middle-class American life. He vividly describes what it was like to be an unwanted illegitimate child "staying with" a well-to-do family whose physical and emotional abuse was sanctioned by Haitian society. He also details his subsequent life in the United States, where, despite American racism, he put himself through college and found success in the Army, in business, and finally in teaching. Today, Jean-Robert Cadet holds a Master's Degree in French literature and works to help aid other *restavec* children.

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Cadet现住在美国辛辛那提，我有幸在上个月见到了他，他到我的英文文学课上来演讲。也详细的叙述了他写这本书的心路历程。

这本书是他在美国结婚生子后，给他的孩子写的一封信。目的是给孩子描述作者自己童年的悲惨遭遇和自己的阴影。但是没想到一旦开始写作就...

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