

Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada: Making the Connections

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“No one really enjoys getting sold,” a woman in a legal Nevada brothel told Melissa Farley during the course of this research. “It's like you sign a contract to be raped.”

In a 2-year research study of Nevada legal and illegal prostitution and sex trafficking, Farley reveals new information about the scope of the sex industry. She describes human rights violations against women in the Nevada legal brothels and how the multibillion-dollar illegal sex industry in Las Vegas works. She makes connections between legal and illegal prostitution, prostitution and sex trafficking, advertising for prostitution, political corruption, pornography, and organized crime. Farley explains how, although they are out of sight, the johns are ultimately the origin of the problem of sex trafficking - the men who demand the right to rent human beings in prostitution.

What effect does Nevada's prostitution culture have on all women in the state? A Nevada rape crisis counselor explained, “Men think they can get away with rape here.”

Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada: Making the Connections, is a riveting analysis of the enormous human tragedy associated with prostitution and sexual trafficking and the complex forces that shape and sustain them. Through careful scholarship and documentation, withering analyses, compelling victim commentaries, and a fearless citation of names, places, and policies, this volume must now be considered the new standard of excellence for understanding and responding to this age-old problem that ultimately victimizes us all. The author assails “legalized” prostitution as nothing more than a glamorized cover for exploitation, abuse, and violence of the thousands of women forced to work in the sex industry. All the public relations efforts to glamorize prostitution and to label it as a “victimless crime” collapse before Dr. Farley's systematic presentation of the facts and living voices behind this often hidden or disguised social problem. Her powerful account of “What happens in Vegas” -- to prostitutes and sex trafficking victims of all ages - educate and persuade the reader that prostitution destroys lives, and profits only the pimps, criminals, and corrupt public officials who collect the tainted money, and who keep the problem above the laws and moral scrutiny. This is an age-old story, but it has never been told better, nor with as much meaning and force. Must be read!

Anthony Marsella, PhD, Professor Emeritus at University of Hawaii, editor of the American Psychological Association's book, *Ethnocultural Aspects of PTSD*.

Dr. Farley's careful research demystifies the supposed ‘glamour’ in prostitution that rationalizes what is in fact victimization. Holding perpetrators accountable in every jurisdiction is essential to affirming human rights in America. There is a strong link between what Farley describes and the sexual assaults/prostitution of children and youth.

Sharon W. Cooper, MD FAAP Consultant, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Medicine

“Finally, here's a book about sex slavery not just in distant lands but in Nevada, USA. Dr. Melissa Farley looks at sex slavery in Nevada's legal and illegal prostitution sectors and discovers there's not much difference between the two. Farley meticulously researches and reports on the women victims-- it's not a pretty picture--and issues a moving call for help. If you've wanted to know what really goes on in the sex industry in Las Vegas and nearby Nevada counties, this is an unpleasant but must read.”

John Miller, Research Professor of International Affairs, Elliott School, George Washington University; Formerly Ambassador at Large on Modern Day Slavery 2004-2006; Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State 2002-2006; Former Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking

Melissa Farley confronts legal prostitution, not as an isolated subject, but as a phenomenon that has a devastating impact on the social, political and legal character of Nevada. She links the justifications for legal prostitution with the immeasurable destructiveness of the trafficking of women internationally, demonstrating the damage of unquestioned male power and privilege.

Mary W. Stewart Ph.D. Professor and Director of Women's Studies University of Nevada, Reno.

This book, beyond a reasonable doubt, presents factual information of what prostitution is truly about in the state of Nevada. It debunks the mis-education and advertised myths about legal and illegal prostitution, including the glamorization and glorification of the pimp and prostitute sub-culture. I investigated child and adult prostitution cases for 23 years of my 26-year career as an FBI Agent. My last 20 years were in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is clear to me that Melissa Farley has presented what all citizens need to know about prostitution, and that is ...“to seek the Truth and see the total picture.”

Roger Young, Special Agent, FBI, Retired, Reno Nevada

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