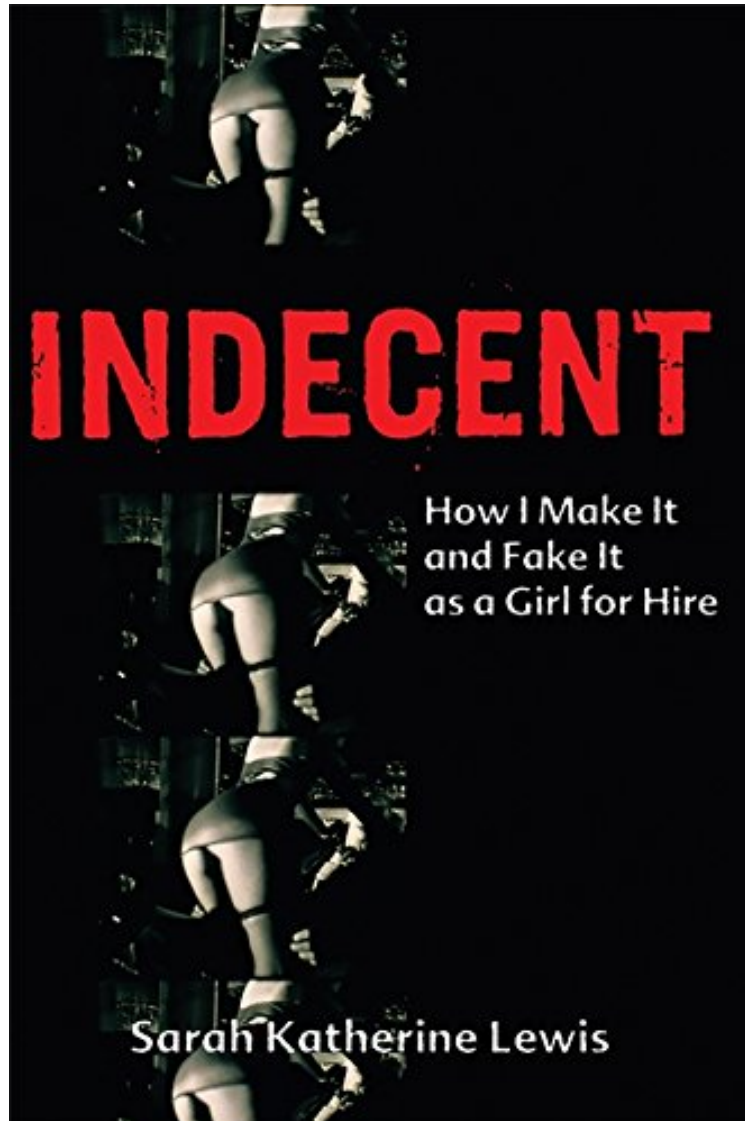


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well written book about an Interesting but Gruesome BusinessBy BeatriceThis was an interesting, very readable book by an articulate, fairly well educated author. I can't say that I loved every minute of the reading. In fact, many of the author's experiences were disturbing. The author truly hated her clients and viewed them as less than human. She is very graphic in describing the unpleasant look and smell of bodily fluids and she is very descriptive of every act that she performed. However, other than sex work being more

financially lucrative than being a waitress or coffee server, it's unclear why she continued for 10 years. She explains that her background was very middle class and she seems to be germ phobic with regard to cleanliness. She states that her parents are college educated. So why do this when much of it is so disgusting and lowly. Maybe the author is more educated and articulate than many "practitioners" but it still seems that there would be other options. There was some comment at the first of the book that equated sex industry work with being in line with feminist values. I have no clue as to where she got that idea. Sex work seems, to me, as if it is all about women and men (especially men) exploiting others in the most gruesome way. But then I bought this book to learn more about the system and I have. I hope that the author comes to her senses and uses her intelligence to a better cause. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great writing! By Analise I found the writing witty and sharp. Definitely an insider's look into the sex industry, the one thing I think is missing from the book is more information of the author's personal life. There was very little information about her family, friends outside the industry, or a significant other. I also wondered what she did with all the money. If someone is making several hundred dollars per day, has no car, kids, pets, and rents an apt, you'd think there would be something to show for it, yet it seems like the author is always broke. A great read but I felt that the author kept readers at a distance just like she did her customers. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. What an Awesome Book! By Mark Zablocki What an awesome book! I give it a Five Star rating. I'd rate it higher if I could. I loved the book. It was exactly what I was looking for. I was interested in a book written by a female adult sex worker based on her experiences in the sex/porn industry. That is exactly what this book is and does and it does it in highly graphic detail. It spares no punches. It tells it like it is. There can be no doubt from the stories in this book that the author's "been there and done that". I learned a lot. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and highly recommend it to others. It's a great read.

Indecent is not your average I-stripped-my-way-through-college memoir. Sarah Katherine Lewis is a veteran of the sex industry who started small doing lingerie modeling and striptease shows but for reasons including the desire to earn more money and curiosity about other types of sex work, she moved into porn, and ultimately into illegal work. Lewis is smart, self-aware, and bitingly funny. Where other writers in this genre have generally shielded themselves from letting things get too bad or go too far, Lewis comes face-to-face with the unimaginable. Her experiences with customers, whose fetishes and behaviors range from obscene to bizarre to twisted, are often recounted with outrageous and caustic humor. Lewis is a brilliant observer of human nature and has a read on her employers and coworkers that lends unique insight into the seedy underground of the more hardcore sex industry. Lewis is a sex worker by choice. She neither condemns nor condones the work, though she depicts her experiences with a gallows humor that reveals the complexity of professional adult sex work. Indecent offers readers an insider's account of hard-earned lessons and acute insight gained from over a decade in the trenches of one of America's most insidious and lucrative industries.

From Publishers Weekly A 10-year veteran of the sex industry takes readers on a seedy tour of low-rent massage parlors and peep shows where she vamps in high heels and corsets, guides creepy men to ejaculate on her breasts and offers views of her privates to embarrassed gawkers. Lewis admires her co-workers and is bitingly negative about her clients. "It occurred to me that sex work was much like toilet training," she writes. "We were paid to manage, direct, and tolerate their waste, ignoring the stench and cooing over their various evacuations, like erotic bathroom attendants." She also claims to be baffled by porn's appeal, which seems disingenuous considering her often astute analysis of the mechanics of the trade. Although crudely frank about sexual positions and bodily fluids, Lewis, a 34-year-old bisexual, is slippery about her own background and motivations. Her protests that her self-esteem isn't low ring false, and its doubtful readers will believe that a National Merit scholar and self-described feminist is actually happy peeing herself for the camera. This sad exercise in denial misses the mark as either titillating erotica or bold affirmation of personal autonomy. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.