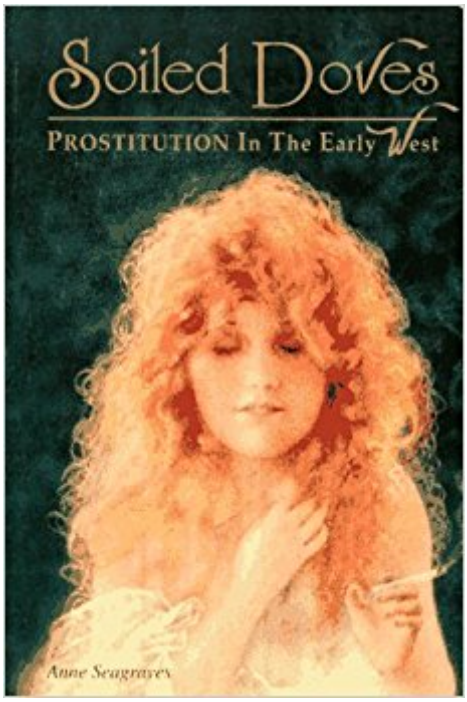
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Great!

Wow, a lot to be learned here. Prostitution in the wild west was "wild" and prolific. There were not a lot of jobs and these ladies had families and children to fed. WIth no skills and abject poverty, prostituion was the only way they could provide. They were usually widows, spinsters, or just unlucky in love but still human. A sad, but very enlightening story.

Not only did this book give you a new perspective of the Early West, but a new perspective on prostitution as a whole. From tragic stories to lifelong love, this book is riveting. This book is a quick read and perfect for a travel weekend.

I keep noticing this book on the shelves of gift shops during a trip to Tombstone AZ, I saw it for sale in many stores and just did not buy it. So a couple weeks later I checked to see if had it and there it was, and cheaper by quite a bit. I do love reading about history and finding out the truth about the past and this book was very informative about the "Ladies of the Night" back in the late 1800's and early 1900's. In the western movies they glamourize the profession; it was a very sad and lonely life for most of the ladies and their only means of survival. Very good ready.

I wanted to know more about this period of time for women. I had seen the book before, at a museum up in the gold country. Really an interesting read and I enjoyed the chapter on Donaldina Cameron who saved so many girls in San Francisco.

This was a wonderful look on how this aspect of society contributed to the history of the American West. Although today these women would be argued as detrimental to the overall growth and well being of the country Anne Seagrove explains the opposite. I would like you to take time and read this very interesting book.

I love these books about prostitution in the Old West and this is an especially good one. You get a feel for how those women lived, and why they were prostitutes. The book also tells of the hardships the women endured, some of the relationships they had, and how they died sometimes.

This was an interesting book. I can understand that someone would be disappointed if they were looking for a sociological study on the pros and cons of prostitution. The photos are interesting but of course they are old, black-and-white, smileless and toothless. Still, you can look at some pictures and imagine that the men would pay for their company. Others you wonder just how hard up they were (I'm sorry, that's not PC). Some photos are lazily captioned as in "a lady of easy virtue". There is not much detail about prostitution itself. You will not get any details about the specific services performed. This book may be about prostitution but the movie would be rated PG.

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