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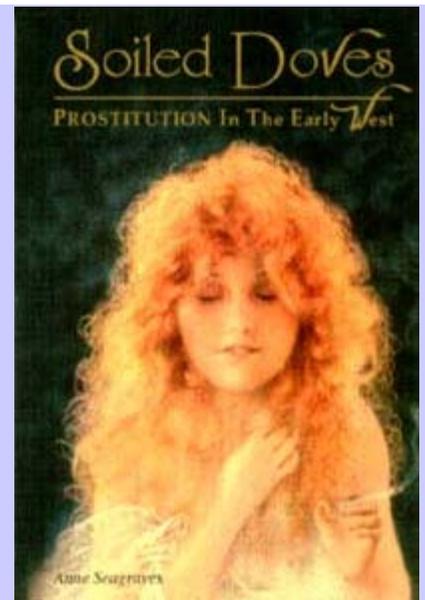
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Some things never change. Wherever there are men, the "fancy ladies" soon follow. In the Wild West, prostitution thrived openly, but it was hardly more romantic than today. Men never got more than what they paid for, an act without affection. Woman lived with the consequences and rarely acquired what we now call "self-esteem". Reading of the denizens of the old bordellos, one could easily imagine them alive today working the escort services of Las Vegas or seedy legal brothels of rural Nevada. This book draws on autobiographies, historical records and vintage photos to tell the individual stories of "Soiled Doves," from the successful madams and the women who married wealth to the Chinese slave girls who were captives in a supposedly free land. -- *Glenn Campbell*

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SOILED DOVES tells of the grey world of prostitution and the women who participated in the oldest profession. Colorful, if not socially acceptable, these ladies of easy virtue were a definite part of the early West. Wearing ruffled petticoats with fancy bows, they were glamorous and plain, good and bad and many were as wild as the land they came to tame.

Women like "Molly b' Dam," Mattie Silks, and "Chicago Joe" blended into the fabric of the American Frontier with an easy familiarity. Others, such as "Sorrel Mike," escaped through suicide, Lottie Johl chose marriage and the Chinese slave girls lived a life without hope.

Illustrated with rare photos, this strong book provides a touching insight into the lives of the ladies of the night.

"I could not make a demonstration of affection over men nor any pretense at response to their caresses. For the life of me, I could not understand why they should expect it. They had only bought my body. I could not see why they should want more. My love was not for sale, piecemeal, to every man who had the price to pay for my body. "

*Madeleine
An Autobiography*

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