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“This is surely the best, most personal, profound, eye-opening book ever written about prostitution?irrefutable proof of why it should NEVER be legalized.” (Jane Fonda)

“People who are working to end sexual exploitation will take heart from her example of transformation and an insistence on basic human dignity.” (President Jimmy Carter)

“Rachel Moran takes us where no readers have ever gone: into the deep hell of being prostituted... Anyone who believes "sex work" is chosen or a job like any other should read *Paid For* for its exposure of misinformation and myths alone. But the book is more: Moran writes so well that her story will scorch your heart...” (Robin Morgan)

“No amount of theory from those who have never been prostituted can replace the truth and power of experience. Rachel Moran's *Paid For* should be required reading in courses on human rights, in police training and law schools, and in sex education courses that separate welcome sex from body invasion.” (Gloria Steinem)

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“As a survivor, I can say *Paid For* got to the heart of what sex-trafficked and prostituted women face on a daily basis. Rachel speaks for those survivors who can't speak for themselves, and for those who have been lost to the life.” (Vednita Carter, Founder and Executive Director, Breaking Free)

“*Paid For* is the political sword we desperately need to slay once and for all the myths and fairytales surrounding the sex trade. Sojourner Truth once said that truth is powerful and it prevails. Rachel Moran's earth-shaking book embodies just that.” (Taina Bien-Aimé, Executive Director, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women)

“Rachel Moran demolishes the “Pretty Woman” myth with the stark reality of the lived experience of her young years in prostitution. This memoir makes a strong case for the Nordic model law that criminalizes the buyers whose money drives the trade that treats women as objects for sale.” (Terry O'Neill, President, National Organization for Women)

### **About the Author**

Rachel Moran is the founder of the organization SPACE International (Survivors of Prostitution-Abuse Calling for Enlightenment). She has a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in creative writing and speaks globally on prostitution and sex-trafficking. She lives in Dublin, Ireland.

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