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A new book on mothers involved in Kolkata's sex trade
MOTHERS FOR SALE Women in Kolkata's Sex Trade
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Mothers for Sale attempts to offer an understanding of sex workers as mothers that goes beyond the current debate on the viability and legitimacy of sex work for women. It highlights the aspirations and fears, joys and disappointments, triumphs and failures that sex workers share with all mothers. Based on information culled from more than 750 sex workers including child prostitutes and 300 children of sex workers, *Mothers for Sale* takes an unblinking look at the lives of mothers involved in the sex trade of Kolkata, India.

Remark: The greatest strength of this book is that it sets the local experience of these women and their children in the context of the global, highlighting women's lack of resources and recourses in a patriarchal world.

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