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Sommario/riassunto	While widely acknowledged as the world's oldest profession, and often glamorized or demonized in the media, prostitution is a critical part of American culture and its economy, as well as a social problem in need of an updated public policy. In <i>Prostitution Policy</i> , Lenore Kuo combines feminist social research and legal studies to tackle issues raised by heterosexual prostitution in the U.S. Through the lens of feminist theory, Kuo examines the milieu of prostitutes and the role of prostitution in contemporary society, and how the interplay of those two works itself out in practice. Moving beyond theoretical analysis of prostitution, <i>Prostitution Policy</i> turns to the complicated problem of

formulating a reasonable legal policy that minimizes harm. Kuo discusses criminalization, legalization, and decriminalization as possible approaches, ultimately arguing for a unique form of decriminalization including detailed legal oversight and mandatory social services.

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