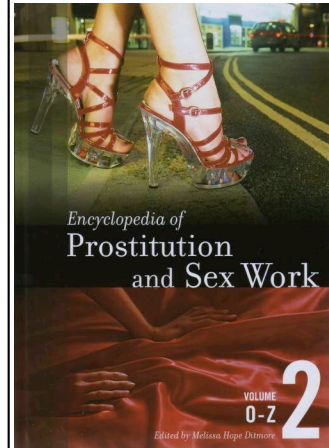


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-- Guy de Maupassant

The cliché is that prostitution is the oldest profession. Isn't it time that the subject received a full reference treatment?

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