

1: The Covent Garden Ladies (ebook) by Hallie Rubenhold |

Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies, published from to , was an annual directory of prostitutes then working in Georgian London. A small pocketbook, it was printed and published in Covent Garden, and sold for two shillings and sixpence.

The inclusion of the adjacent old Floral Hall, previously a part of the old Covent Garden Market, created a large new public gathering place. Designed and laid out in , it was the first modern square in London—originally a flat, open space or piazza with low railings. The last house was completed in . These arcades, rather than the square itself, took the name Piazza; [1] the group from James Street to Russell Street became known as the "Great Piazza" and that to the south of Russell Street as the "Little Piazza". Redevelopment was considered, but protests from the Covent Garden Community Association in prompted the Home Secretary, Robert Carr , to give dozens of buildings around the square listed-building status, preventing redevelopment. The central building re-opened as a shopping centre in , with cafes, pubs, small shops and a craft market called the Apple Market. After it was destroyed by fire in , English dramatist and theatre manager Thomas Killigrew constructed a larger theatre on the same spot, which opened in . However that survived only 15 years, burning down in . The building that stands today opened in . Since November the theatre has been owned by composer Andrew Lloyd Webber and generally stages popular musical theatre. It was designed as a dedicated flower market by William Rogers of William Cubitt and Company in , [58] and was first occupied by the museum in . Previously the transport collection had been held at Syon Park and Clapham. The first parts of the collection were brought together at the beginning of the 20th century by the London General Omnibus Company LGOC when it began to preserve buses being retired from service. In Covent Garden was made a separate parish and the church was dedicated to St Paul. Culture[edit] The Covent Garden area has long been associated with entertainment and shopping. The courtyard space is dedicated to classical music only. Shows run throughout the day and are about 30 minutes in length. In March , the market owner, CapCo, proposed to reduce street performances to one minute show each hour. The Lamb and Flag in Rose Street is possibly the oldest pub in the area. The station was designed by Leslie Green and opened by the Great Northern, Piccadilly and Brompton Railway on 11 April , four months after services on the rest of the line began operating on 15 December . While there is only one bus route in Covent Garden itself—the RV1 , [] which uses Catherine Street as a terminus, just to the east of Covent Garden square—there are over 30 routes which pass close by, mostly on the Strand or Kingsway.

2: Author of scandalous bestseller of Georgian London outed | UK news | The Guardian

The Covent Garden Ladies tells the story of Samuel Derrick, Jack Harris, and Charlotte Hayes, whose complicated and colorful lives were brought together by the publication of Harris' List, an infamous guidebook of prostitutes which detailed addresses, physical characteristics and "specialties."

This book traces the interweaving stories of three of the people involved in its production, and in doing so, introduces a lot of other personalities and explores a lot of the issues. There are a lot of the usual problems in writing social history of the poor - the relative lack of documentary evidence, and the propensity of people to change their names, does m This is a great little book. None of her conjectures are unreasonable but some are longer reaches than others, especially when it comes to what one or other of the people must have felt. But these are quibbles. It is compassionate to the women and men who found themselves drawn - or forced - into prostitution. It acknowledges that for some it was a good career choice, while recognising that for many it was exploitative and horrid. It explores the prevailing gender stereotypes that drove the trade and the attitudes towards prostitutes and their clients, and in a move that made my feminist heart glad, it includes an appendix, listing four pages of names of men who regularly used prostitutes - the men who, as the author points out, have been able evade the scrutiny and judgement heaped on the women who serviced them. We regard the 18th century - especially in terms of high society - as a time of rigid sexual morality compared to our own. Same sex relationships were illegal and harshly punished. But by modern standards, many of the men on that list - who no doubt felt themselves blameless and were pillars of society - would be regarded as criminals. Many of these girls were children. People who condemn modern morality and long for a return to old fashioned values would do well to remember that. This book is a welcome antidote to the over-romanticisation of the Regency period. I like a Regency romance as much as anyone, but this provides a good companion piece. Indeed, it almost kept me from reading it. What it is is a group biography of three people involved with prostitution in mids London. The author weaves their stories together in a way that illuminates their sordid world. Rubenhold manages to find a way of telling this story that avoids both prurience and fingerpointing, letting the story arouse our outrage instead of telling us to be outraged. She gives us the information we need to draw our own con The title did not do justice to this book. She gives us the information we need to draw our own conclusions. My only quibble is that much of the information comes from fake biographies published by hack writers which may be largely fiction. A bit more discussion of her sources in the text would have been illuminating. I understand how limited valid sources would be for a book like this, I just wanted a little more insight into what we know about these sources. As Rubenfeld states, their sexual tastes would have put most of them in prison today, and they would have deserved it. They delighted in rape, especially that of children. They had no compunctions about having people kidnapped for their sexual use. Why do so many people romanticize these people and continue to think there was something magical about their "high birth? Though Rubenfeld seems to think this was confined to the 18th century, the biography of Waugh I just read made it clear that social acceptance of the sexual abuse of children in that case boys was common well into the 20th century.

3: Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies: Sex in the City in Georgian Britain by Hallie Rubenhold

Covent Garden boasts some of the best luxury womenswear stores in London. From British fashion designers Mulberry and Burberry to the ultimate luxury concept store, The Shop at Bluebird, fashionistas are truly spoilt for choice.

The Shakespeare Tavern was in the northeast corner of the square centre right , alongside the premises of infamous brothel-keepers like Jane Douglas. Each edition comprises an attractive pocketbook, "beautifully packaged The Wandering Whore ran for five issues between and , in the early and newly liberal years of the Restoration. Her sister Elizabeth was less expensive, being "indifferent to Money but a Supper and Two Guineas will tempt her". It describes the customer as a patron supportive of a good cause: Additional information such as how long she had been active as a prostitute, or if she sang, danced or conversed well, is also included. Hannah both kind and liberal; notwithstanding which, she has no objection to two supernumerary guineas. He gazed on her a while with eyes of transport and fondness, and gave her a world of kisses; at the close of which, in a pretended struggle, she contrived matters so artfully, that the bed-cloaths having fallen off, her naked beauties lay exposed at full length. The coral-lipped mouth of love seemed with kind movements to invite, nay, to provoke an attack; while her sighs, and eyes half-closed, denoted that no farther resistance was intended. Some entries mention rape , euphemistically described as women being "seduced against their will". Lenora Norton was apparently "seduced" in such fashion, her entry elucidating on her experience, which occurred while she was still a child. Rural immigrants in search of work could sometimes find themselves at the mercy of unscrupulous employers, or manipulated into the sex trade by underhand means. Becky LeFevre, once a streetwalker , used her business sense to amass considerable wealth, as did a Miss Marshall and Miss Becky Child, who are each mentioned in several editions. Miss Wilson of Cavendish Square thought that "a female bed-fellow can give more real joys than ever she experienced with the male part of the sex", and Anne and Elanor Redshawe provided a discreet service in Tavistock Street , catering for "Ladies in the Highest Keeping" and other women who preferred to keep their activities private. Mrs Russell, attractive to "a number of clients among the youth, who are fond of beholding that mouth of the devil from whence all corruption issueth", was admired for her "vulgarity more than any thing else, she being extremely expert at uncommon oaths". Not all entries were disapproving though; Mrs Harvey would, in , "often toss off a sparkling bumper," while remaining "a lady of great sensibility Others are scorned for wearing too much makeup , and some for being "lazy bedfellows". A popular view that prostitutes were licentious, hot-blooded and hungry for sex was incompatible with the knowledge that most worked for money, and the lists therefore criticise women whose demands for payment appeared a little too mercenary. Some editions may have been written by Samuel Derrick, [30] a Grub Street hack [32] born in in Dublin , who had moved to London to become an actor. He kept a record of the women he pimped and the properties he had access to, possibly in the form of a small ledger or notebook. The former book details "Jack, a waiter As an aspiring author and social climber he preferred not to associate himself publicly with such questionable material, and his name therefore does not appear on any editions. Ranger, responsible for such works as Love Feasts; or the different methods of courtship in every country, throughout the known world, [1] the proceeds from the hugely successful first edition enabled Derrick to repay his debts, thereby freeing himself from a spunging house. Prompted by reformers, in April the authorities began to hunt down and close "houses of ill fame". Harris was caught, locked up in the local compter , and then imprisoned in Newgate. The Rose was demolished about , and for a few years Harris ran another tavern, the Bedford Head, with his son and daughter-in-law. He died sometime in What remained was subsumed by the neighbouring Bedford Coffee House. Its prose becomes more genteel, lacking the euphemisms which had helped make it so popular. These changes are echoed by the front cover, whose frontispiece becomes more gentrified. Material from earlier editions is recycled, and little attention is paid to accuracy. Only nine editions are extant: The print reflects contemporary public concern over the behaviour of prostitutes. She views the annual as "primarily a work of erotica", calling it "nothing so much as a shopping list Elizabeth Denlinger includes a similar sentiment in her essay, "The Garment and the Man": Sold to a London public which was mostly patriarchal , its listings reflect

the prejudices of the men who authored them. He was released a few months later, only to be locked up again for publishing other materials deemed offensive by the authorities.

4: Introduction to Harris's List of Covent-Garden Ladies – Romantic London

*Sex toys, porn forget Ann Summers, Miss Love was at it years ago. * THE TIMES * What a marvellous read Covent Garden Ladies is - I absolutely loved these divinely irresistible rascals and the brilliant telling of their escapades.*

Image courtesy of the Lewis Walpole Library. While it was far from being the first catalogue of London prostitutes, it became one of the most notorious and was certainly the longest running. Prostitution was endemic in eighteenth-century London. Of the class of Well Educated women it is earnestly hoped the number does not exceed 2, 2. Of the class composed of persons above the rank of Menial Servants perhaps 3, 3. Of the class who may have been employed as Menial Servants, or seduced in very early life, it is conjectured in all parts of the town, including Wapping, and the streets adjoining the River, there may not be less, who live wholly by Prostitution, than 20, 4. As the eighteenth century became the nineteenth, many aspects of urban life which had seemed relatively unexceptionable or had been tacitly encouraged by previous generations were being reconsidered. A young unmarried Englishman, with a large fortune, spends but a small share of it on his common expences; the greatest part is destined to his pleasures, that is to say, to the ladies. In it, the most exact description is given of their names, their lodgings, their faces, their manners, their talents, and even their tricks. It must of course happen, that there will sometimes be a little degree of partiality in these details: In the parish of Mary-le-bone only, which is the largest and best peopled in the capital, thirty thousand ladies of pleasure reside, of whom seventeen hundred are reckoned to be house-keepers. These live very well, and without ever being disturbed by the magistrates. They are indeed so much their own mistresses, that if a justice of the peace attempted to trouble them in their apartments, they might turn him out of doors; for as they pay the same taxes as the other parishioners, they are consequently entitled to the same privileges. Their apartments are elegantly, and sometimes magnificently furnished; they keep several servants, and some have their own carriages. Many of them have annuities paid them by their seducers, and others settlements into which they have surprised their lovers in the moment of intoxication. The testimony of these women, even of the lowest of them, is always received as evidence in the courts of justice. All this generally gives them a certain dignity of conduct, which can scarcely be reconciled with their profession. The higher classes of these females are uncommonly honest; you may entrust them with a purse crammed with gold, without running any risk whatever. They can never be prevailed upon to grant favours to the lover of one of their companions, even if they are sure that the circumstance will be kept a profound secret. One of my friends made a proposal of this kind, and was refused; he redoubled his presents his caresses, but in vain: If you were an Englishman, I might not be so difficult; but as you are a foreigner, I cannot. What opinion would you have of us, if I were to gratify your wishes? Towards midnight, when the young women have disappeared, and the streets become deserted, then the old wretches, of fifty or sixty years of age, descend from their garrets, and attack the intoxicated passengers, who are often prevailed upon to satisfy their passions in the open street, with these female monsters. It is certainly the case that some women willingly entered the sex trade and profited handsomely by doing so; it is also the case, as Archenholtz contends, that prostitutes were by no means universally socially ostracised. At present, this site maps the full texts of the entries for the list as closely as possible to the locations given. At times, the author evidently wearied of this process: The extent to which it was fictionalised is unclear and its nature as a book written presumably by men for male use means that its accounts of prostitution fail to provide much space for the voices of the women upon whom it gazes. At times it is genuinely funny, at times uncomfortably so at the expense of its subjects, at times it becomes tedious or horrific, and at times, as its accounts pile up, its formulae become deeply disheartening. Joseph Mawman, , pp. Byrne, , p. Ranger, , p. Rubenhold gives a detailed account of Charlotte Hayes. Stalker, , available on Google Books.

5: Guide to pleasures of late Georgian London acquired by Wellcome Collection | Books | The Guardian

The Covent Garden Ladies tells the story of three unusual characters: Samuel Derrick, John Harrison (a.k.a Jack

Harris), and Charlotte Hayes, whose complicated and colourful lives were brought together by this publication.

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Harris's List of Covent-Garden Ladies was a directory of prostitutes including their addresses and rates which was published yearly between and , principally examining the upper end of the market.

7: The Covent Garden Ladies by Hallie Rubenhold - Penguin Books Australia

HARRIS'S LIST OF COVENT-GARDEN LADIES OR Man of Pleasure's KALENDER For the year Containing The Histories and some curious Anecdotes of the most celebrated Ladies now on the.

8: Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies - Wikipedia

Description. Harris's List of Covent-Garden Ladies was published yearly between and , and acted as a concise almanac of prostitutes available for hire in London.. Each imprint generally listed more than prostitutes at work in and around Covent Garden and the West End, giving their address, ages and chief attribut.

9: Covent Garden - Wikipedia

The map below locates the ninety-three entries from Harris's List of Covent-Garden Ladies: or, Man of Pleasure's Kalender, For the YEAR, Containing the Histories and some curious Anecdotes of the most celebrated Ladies now on the Town, and also many of their Keepers.

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