

LIARA ROUX

“With a clear view of political, social and economic realities, Roux is doing important work in her portrayal of sex work not as apart from life in general, but as a part of life as a whole.” —Saskia Vogel

Liara Roux is a multi-hyphenate sex worker – a high-end escort, writer, indie adult film producer and director, political organizer, and human rights activist. Their political advocacy concerns both sex workers’ rights and the broader issue of freedom of expression, especially for online content creators.

Liara’s first book, *Whore of New York: A Confession*, is a candid study of spiritual and sexual growth, as well as a critique of society’s capitalistic mechanisms of exploitation, the conservatism of Western medicine, and the politics surrounding sex work. The *New York Times* praises the memoir as “an original reflection on joy, anguish, sex, love and labor” and *Vogue* calls it “vivid and defiant.” Liara has written for Vice Media and *HuffPost* and writes the original comic, “Adventures of Liara Roux” with art by Rye Hickman.

A passionate human rights activist, Liara advocates for the decriminalization of sex work and works with harm reduction groups to provide technical resources and tips to sex workers and survivors. In their political activism, they document the effects legislation has had on members of marginalized communities, as well as coordinate media outreach in the wake of FOSTA/SESTA – a piece of legislation in the US that has harmed sex workers.

They live in NYC with their beautiful dog.