

## Popular porn stars bare their bodies and souls in revealing documentary

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Have you ever been curious about how a woman became a porn star? Was it because of a drug habit? Or maybe out of desperation for money? How did she pick her stage name? Does she feel any shame about such a taboo line of work?

Is she really a nymphomaniac, or just a bad actress? Does she enjoy having sex with total strangers in front of the camera? Is there a stigma attached to her profession, or is she able to enjoy a normal romantic relationship in her private life? Is she worried about STDs? What does she think of her fans? Does she have an exit plan, or is she just winging it?

These are among the topics discussed by 16 of the most successful porn stars in "Aroused," an intimate biopic directed by Deborah Anderson. Don't be surprised if none of their sultry sobriquets rings a bell, since one of the fascinating factoids shared here is that their careers are of terribly short duration.

"The porn stars of 2005 are already gone," one remarks. "They're shot out," which is how industry insiders refer to over the hill performers.

But the bevy of curvaceous beauties interviewed in "Aroused" represents the current cream of the crop. That includes Misty Stone, Ash Hollywood, Asphyxia Noir, Belladonna, Kayden Kross,

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Lisa Ann, Katsuni, Lexi Belle, Brooklyn Lee, Allie Haze, April O'Neil, Jesse Jane, Alexis Texas, Francesca Le, Tanya Tate and Teagan Presley.

The film is far from explicit, though it does feature each subject in a state of undress as she prepares for a still photo shoot for a relatively-tasteful coffee table book, clad in nothing but a pair of high heels by shoe designer Jimmy Choo. What proves far more compelling than seeing a little skin is hearing what makes each of them tick.

Money seems to be the common motivation, although they admit that once you go XXX you can't go back, because being in pornography leaves a scarlet letter on you socially. It's also interesting that most of these females crave attention more than casual carnality, with an absentee father during childhood being credited as a contributor factor.

They generally don't date "civilians," meaning people outside the porn industry, since ordinary people tend to be prudes about promiscuity, even when their mate explains that it's just a job. By film's end, you feel sorry for these females in denial, despite defensive-sounding statements like, "I get paid to have sex. Why doesn't everybody do that?" Maybe because some of you admit to needing a steady flow of narcotics to mask the shame and the pain.

An eye-opening expose about the surprisingly-conventional concerns of some of the most hyper-sexualized women in the world.

Very Good (3 stars)

Unrated

In English and French with subtitles

Running time: 73 minutes

Distributor: Ketchup Entertainment

To see a trailer for "Aroused," visit:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-V\\_WVuNPEA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-V_WVuNPEA)