



## "HE CHOSE PORN OVER ME" Women Harmed by Men Who Use Porn *Melinda Tankard Reist (editor)*

**"For women struggling with partners who refuse to quit pornography, these stories will feel like a lifeline."**

— Robert Jensen, author of *The End of Patriarchy: Radical Feminism for Men*

Shattering the popular myth that porn is harmless, the personal accounts of 25 brave women in *He Chose Porn over Me* reveal the real-life trauma experienced by women at the hands of their porn-consuming partners – men who were supposed to care for them.

This confronting but necessary book dares to tell the truth about pornography's destructive impact – about the men who habitually use it and the women and children who are mistreated and discarded as a result.

The women in this book were collateral damage in their partner's insatiable greed for porn. Their stories tell of the crushing of intimacy, respect, connection, love. Porn colonised their families, leaving women rejected and scarred. They were subjected to sexual terrorism in their own homes. The men, turbo-charged by pornography, were intoxicated by sexualised power. They didn't care if they lost everything including their partners.

In this haunting expose, pornography is rightfully situated as an insidious tool of violence against women. The contributors, now working to re-build their lives, found a confidante in Melinda Tankard Reist who supported them in the sharing of their experiences in these pages, and to warn other women – don't date men who use porn ...

*As long as pornography exists, we don't stand a chance of creating a fair and equal world.* — Carla

*I was being groomed to become a porn star in the bedroom.* — Maggie

**Melinda Tankard Reist** is an author, speaker, media commentator, blogger and advocate for young people. She is best known for her work addressing sexualisation, objectification, harms of pornography, sexual exploitation, trafficking and violence against women. Melinda is the author/editor of six previous books including *Getting Real: Challenging the Sexualisation of Girls*, *Big Porn Inc: Exposing the Harms of the Global Pornography Industry* (co-edited with Abigail Bray) and *Prostitution Narratives: Stories of Survival in the Sex Trade* (co-edited with Caroline Norma).



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