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- ♦ *Legal Tender* is the memoir of former brothel madam Laraine Russo Harper.
- ♦ A veteran of the casino industry, Harper had little knowledge of the legal sex trade when she was hired to run a brothel.
- ♦ Harper served for six years as the madam at a well-known brothel in Pahrump, Nevada.
- ♦ During her time there Harper spearheaded a dramatic transformation of the brothel from a dingy collection of trailers into a luxury resort dedicated to professionalism and customer service.
- ♦ Harper encountered all variety of customers who utilized the brothel's services, from virgins, to couples, to those who tried to form relationships with the women.
- ♦ Illegal in forty-nine states, only Nevada's frontier spirit continues to legalize houses of prostitution.
- ♦ Harper has spoken before Mensa and University of Nevada Las Vegas on the subject of legal versus illegal prostitution and how it affects society.
- ♦ For some prostitutes a brothel is a safe haven, outside of which they struggle with drug abuse and pimps who abuse them and take much of their money.
- ♦ In *Legal Tender* Harper humanizes the prostitutes, describing their lives inside and outside the brothel.
- ♦ *Legal Tender* documents the unique aspects of the prostitution industry while also serving as a useful primer for those looking to run a successful business of any kind.
- ♦ In 2007 Harper founded the Symphony Animal Foundation, a no kill facility which provides a safe haven for all animals.

Legal Tender is available from local bookstores, at online retailers, and directly from www.stephenspress.com.