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Kristin survived this family trauma to live a surprisingly normal life. But instead of leaving the past behind her, she developed a burning curiosity to understand her family's history. Why did the federal government so vehemently prosecute this case? And why did her father get involved in distributing this notorious porn film in the first place? Did the influence of pornography in fact make Kristin a better person? Answering these questions and reconciling her dramatic family history with her life as a wife and mother became her mission.

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“Kristin's historically fascinating story parallels our world yet today. Here is a collection of unique characters and storylines that you couldn't make up if you tried. I couldn't be more excited to option her memoir as our inspiration for an incredible television series.” —Steve Barnett, producer of “300” and “The Spiderwick Chronicles”

“Kristin's story is a fascinating and fun look at an era and series of events that changed our country. Even more compelling, at its core is an emotional story about a family and their struggle to stay together after being thrown into a tremendous amount of trouble.” —David Koechner, actor, comedian, *SNL* alum, and producer known for his roles as Todd Packer on “The Office” and Champ Kind in “Anchorman” and “Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues”

“An honest and unadorned depiction of what it's like to grow up in a house where hardcore pornography and live sex shows pay the bills. Set in a twilight zone somewhere between *All in the Family* and *The Sopranos*, the cast features a father facing federal obscenity charges in Memphis, a mother washing down Nembutal with shots of Wild Turkey, and a daughter taking it all in with the eye of a budding journalist. It's miraculous that Battista-Fraze was able to persuade her family to tell her in such unsparing detail what went down when she was a child. The most surprising plot twist, however, is that Battista-Fraze emerged from the chaos and trauma to lead a shockingly normal, middle-class life. “ —Robert Rosen, author of *Beaver Street: A History of Modern Pornography*

“A fascinating account about a piece of pop culture history as well as a story about a family caught up in trying circumstances. This book is bound to strike a chord with anyone who has ever tried to make sense of her family history.” —Katrina Alcorn, author of *Maxed Out: American Moms on the Brink*

“I've never read a porn book like *The Pornographer's Daughter*. Kristin Battista-Fraze combines memoir, biography, and journalism in an entertaining and informative way that will really suck readers in.” —Eric Danville, author of *The Complete Linda Lovelace*

About the Author

Kristin Battista-Fraze is a marketing and communications professional in Washington, DC. She is also a freelance writer for the "Daily Beast" and has published many articles about the adult industry and the controversy surrounding pornography, including "Rick Santorum's War on Pornography Stirs Up the Same Tired Arguments," and "Stormy Daniels on Being a Porn-Star Mom." Kristin also maintains a blog, "Pornographer's Daughter" (www.porndaughter.com), where she discusses her views about pornography's impact on today's culture, as well as other current issues facing women in society today. She resides in McLean, Virginia.

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