

# LGBTI

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## Transcendental prostitution

Little White Fox talks to Arthur Tam about fulfilling her clients' deepest desires and her tell-all book *I am a Shemale Escort*

**T**he immediate reaction to prostitution is often to harshly judge an individual's character. How could someone engage in such debauchery of their own volition? Isn't prostitution reserved for individuals coming from desperate and dire situations? But what if someone chooses sex work as their occupation and holds it up as a mantle of pride?

Transgender prostitute Little White Fox is working her dream job, and she's not the least bit shy about it. In her debut book, *I am a Shemale Escort*, she highlights 19 of her most intimate experiences while dispelling misconceptions about her work. She purposefully chose the offensive word 'Shemale' in her title because she wants to take ownership of the derogatory word that has been used to hurt the transgender community.

We chat with the author at Midnight Blue – an organisation that aims to empower prostitutes, targeting specifically MSWs (male sex workers) and TSWs (transgender sex workers) – to talk history, the fallacy of heteronormativity and anal sex.

### How did you come up with your alias?

It's actually derived from a Mainland love song, called White Fox. It talks about a fox spirit that goes through different lifetimes to save its lover. Also, foxes have a special symbolism in Chinese culture – it refers to someone who's a mistress, a rather seductive, beautiful mistress that has this captivating allure. Not just any woman can be a fox spirit.

### Sounds like you have strong interest in Chinese literature?

Absolutely. I majored in Chinese literature. You might be surprised to know that during the Northern Song Dynasty there were male prostitution dens and male or transsexual prostitutes became such a pervasive part of society that the government actually had to step in and shut down these establishments. Back then there was also a lot of Chinese literature alluding to transsexual romance and gay romance.

### What have you learned through your experiences in the trade?

Before I became a prostitute I thought I was just gay and that man-on-man sex was the greatest thing in the world. The sexual revolution spurred on by the LGBTI community is very important. I think ideas of commitment and marriage actually hinder sexual expression and desire. It's not something that requires undying devotion, but pop culture tries to make us think otherwise. That's not



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to say that there is anything wrong with committed relationships. I just don't think the idea should be forced upon people. When I see LGBTI people trying to fit into the heteronormative structure, I actually think the community is regressing.

Being transgender is also quite wonderful. It disrupts the conventional ideas of sex, sexuality and desire. Being who we are gives us the ability to transcend convention.

A lot of my clients also love eating cum. But these clients actually hate cock and find the idea of sleeping with a man disgusting. However, they really want to swallow a transperson's cum. It's a desire that only transpeople can fulfill.

We are breaking down social norms. And that's only one example. I've

had a customer that told me that they want me to wear canvas shoes and pretend that I'm molesting him, shaming him and insulting him while he's fully dressed in women's clothing and jerking off.

### Do you ever feel in danger? Transgender people are at a greater risk of being violently assaulted and murdered.

Maybe a little. But I haven't ever suffered any type of abuse. The worst thing that's happened is when a customer hasn't paid.

### Do you suffer discrimination?

Personally, I haven't faced anything severe. I understand there is a lot of discrimination in terms of homophobia, racism and sexism, but on the flip side, there are a lot of people who are tolerant and believe in equality.

### How long are you going to stay in the business?

I think I'll continue for the foreseeable future. I have no desire to change. There isn't any other job that allows to you have fun and 'eat'.

### What do you want readers to take away from your book?

I want people to understand that there is nothing wrong with chasing their desires – achieving their desires. We're all a bit perverse. Life is one big perversion. Who's to say what's right or what's wrong when it comes to something so personal as desire? Just allow yourself to let go.