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## Secret Lives Of Women (Series 4)

12 x 60'

### EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

#### 1. Dirty Work

These women get dirty for a living. Kate has been working in meat processing plants and slaughterhouses since she was in high school. At the plant she skinned buffalo, processed all the meat, and learned how to smoke the meat and grind it up for sausage. She said it's a really dirty job, but that never fazed her.

#### 2. Women of Erotica

The adult film industry: where sex sells, and nothing is off limits. Four women are blazing their trails to the top of the adult film industry. Sky Blue has directed hundreds of films and is respected by performers throughout the industry. Before they film, she meets with her performers and goes through the scene, telling them exactly what she wants to see.

#### 3. Midget Moms

These three little women may be small, but their careers make them larger than life. After working as an agent for 20 years, Marylou decided to retire so she can spend more time as a sexuality educator. Marylou created an illustrated book to help little people understand their bodies. She's also began holding seminars with her clients to discuss their sexual issues.

#### 4. Mail Order Brides

Tanya and John run A Foreign Affair, the leading international marriage agency in the country. Tanya says there's a misconception about marriage services, people think that somehow she and her husband are selling women on the Internet. But Tanya likes to think of themselves as international matchmakers.

#### 5. Groupies

There's nothing like music to stir the body, the mind, and the soul. But for some women listening to music isn't enough. And as long as there have been musicians, there have been women that will do anything to be with them. These four women embrace their role as rock and rolls groupies.

## **6. Weight Loss 2**

Millions of women struggle with weight loss. Some resort to surgery, some do it with diet and exercise, some struggle with fad diets for years. Whatever the method, these three women have not only lost it, they have become weight loss sensations!

## **7. Husband Beaters**

In America, the term 'domestic abuse' is typically associated with female victims. In fact, however, more than a third of all abuse is against men, and even that number is considered low due to the relatively low reporting of these cases. These stories provide an inside look at domestic abuse against men from a variety of perspectives.

## **8. Polygamy 3**

We explore the Fundamentalist Church of Latter-Day Saints, America's largest and most powerful cult, through the eyes of the women who have escaped its grip. We examine the machinery of polygamy, and how a population of thousands of women and children are subjugated by the money, corruption and political influence wielded by what some call the American Taliban.

## **9. Cults**

An estimated 7 million Americans have been involved in cults, or cult-like groups. Even though they've never met, the four women profiled here have eerily similar stories. Isolation from family, pressure to donate money, desire to please their higher power and loss of independent thought were all realities to these women affected by cults.

## **10. Shopping Addicts**

It is estimated that over 25 million people in America suffer from shopping addictions. We meet four women who love to shop and don't know when to stop. Some are struggling to control their overspending and are desperately trying to regain control of their finances and their lives. Some decide that it's time to seek professional help, while others continue to shop regardless.

## **11. Mothers of Murderers**

What happens to a mother when her child is accused of murder? In this episode, we will explore how these relationships are affected and how these mothers are transformed by the tragic event. One mother continues to fight for her son's innocence; another inspires others through her writing and speeches that hope is never dead.

## **12. Extreme Diets**

Obesity is at an all-time high in America. There are a multitude of fad diets on the market, some of which are extreme. From calorie restriction to dumpster diving with Freegans, to a raw food lifestyle and to praying for weight loss, we learn all about these women and their extreme diets.

