

The Conversation

January 2025

Mission:
To bring a revival of the fundamental role of fatherhood to today's family unit.

Vision:
To see loving, engaged fathers at the core of every family unit, and support for all those serving in the role of father-figures.

Books we like

Any Girl

A Memoir of Surviving Prostitution in Ireland

'Every man and woman should read this'
SABINA HIGGINS

'Searing and generous ... a blazing beacon'
DONAL RYAN

'Written with honesty, power and insight'
RÓISÍN INGLE

Mia Döring



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January is Human Trafficking Prevention month

The Founder's Conversation Starter

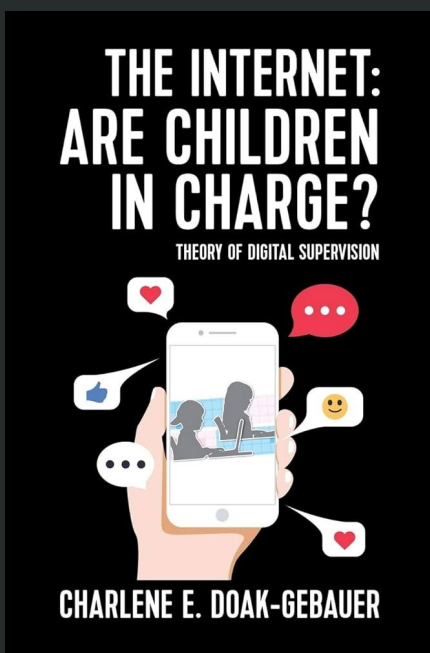
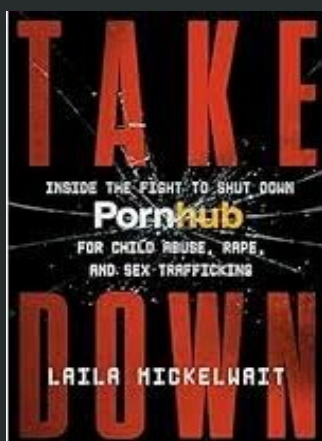
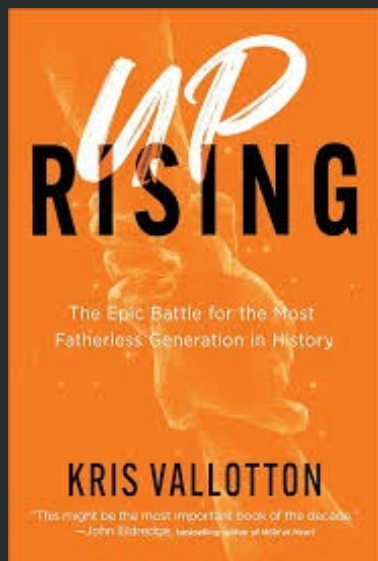
"It's more important to have a meaningful life than to feel safe"
Mia Döring in *Any Girl: A Memoir of Surviving Prostitution in Ireland*



As I assume all of you know, this year has begun for us here in Los Angeles with hurricane force winds igniting fires that raged through neighborhoods turning lifetimes into ash and memories. It is an incomprehensible level of destruction that is much more absolute than anything I have ever seen before. A remarkably beautiful part of Los Angeles burned down to the brick chimneys that now stand like failed sentinels standing watch over where memories were made. All this destruction made all the more agonizing by the fact there was a 117-million-gallon reservoir drained and empty in close proximity. Though we cannot control the winds and waves that throw their occasional tantrums causing countless loss of lives and treasure, our role as human beings is to co-create what we cherish as valuable and to protect those we treasure. Part of that responsibility is to keep the reservoirs full.

When I first learned of human trafficking I was confronted by a degree of suffering and betrayal of those most vulnerable and valuable that I could not turn away and be content with my "awareness". My intolerance of this man-made catastrophe, drove me to focus on prevention and disrupting the flow of the vulnerable into the bondage of their would-be exploiters. What propelled me forward in this effort for over a decade now is the vision of what we could be for each other, what each child could become, each boy and girl to man to woman to father to mother, the "peaceful transfer" of the generations increasingly defining us as a human family with our limitless curiosity and creativity to match an ever-expanding universe of magnificent mysteries! If we did a better job of "filling the reservoir", we would not be standing watch over what could have been of our beautiful home in the Palisades and Alta Dena, nor dare I say, our earthly home. When we keep the reservoirs topped off and ready, the challenges we face can be extinguished before the embers can pepper the landscape heartache and soot.

So how do we prevent threats to our families and homes, how do we keep the "reservoirs" full for before the winds rise and the blaze begins? When we are better equipped to meet anticipated challenges, we stand



to safeguard our loved ones and valuables. At Father-Con, we focus on 3 aspects of this prevention for protection for potential realized model: information, inspiration and access to resources. This year we will hold our annual Father-Con conference, our 6th, with outstanding presenters of a wealth of knowledge and wisdom for fathers and families. We will be presenting 3 Heart of the Father awards to celebrate some of the inspiring men who have exhibited the best of the Father's Heart. We will provide a training program for healthy masculinity and future fatherhood for young men, hold film screenings and community education events, organize our annual Fathers Read, Kids Succeed events and more.

I invite you to join with us in filling reservoirs through supporting our work and by taking time this month to learn about the torment millions of our fellow human beings around the world are enduring, being threatened with force, overpowered by coercion and derailed by the deception of traffickers and predators. You can also stock the reservoir by "loving the one(s) you are with". No, not in the free sex sense, but recommitting to loving your spouse, loving your children, loving and being overwhelmed with Thanks Giving for your life and all you can do with each 24-hour-day you are blessed with. **Commit to "doing" awareness this year.** Make your family, community and our country safer. **Connect with or create a Care Community.** One of our biggest challenges at this time of distraction, deception, deep fakes and AI generated alternatives to "skin touch" reality, is connection to others.

"The world is full of good people, if you can't find one, be one." - Nishan Panwar

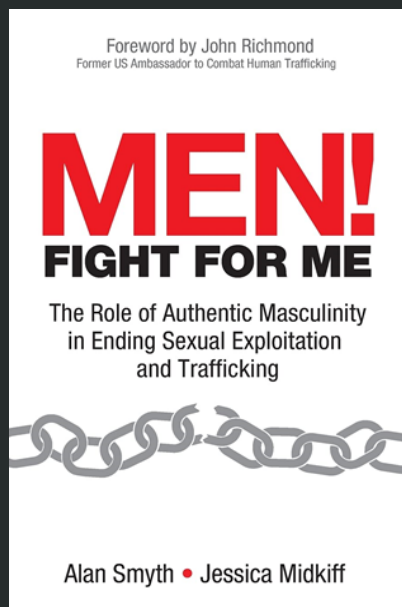
God be with you and your families as we raise the alarms of dangers faced and as we raise our hearts and minds in dedication to putting out the fires we face with our well stocked reservoirs full to brimming. Thank you for all you do for your family and our human family.



Patrick Erlandson – Father & new grandfather
Founder: Father-Con and See it. End it. Film & Arts Festival

Open for submissions for the 2025 Heart of the Father awards
Please submit your nominee and a brief explanation of why you think this honor is deserved, as well as contact information for yourself and the nominee. Email to: patrick@father-con.org

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“More than just a second parent or an extra set of hands, fathers are one of the best child development resources we have, and if we are going to give children the best start in life, we all need to fully recognize and utilize this role.” *UNICEF Chief of Early Childhood Development Dr. Pia Britto*

Foster-Con

The Conversation about foster care

A short note about “Wildfires and Foster Care”

Not many put the 2 together, but if asked, we can all make the obvious connections...losing your home, your things, being forced to evacuate. Not to take away from the suffering of families that have been affected by the wildfires, but to paint a picture of a need that many of us don't know is there. Every day while we go about our lives there are children in foster care, being torn from families, trafficked, and abandoned at our borders feeling the same terror as victims of these wildfires.

I only speak about this now, so you'll get a vision of the terror and sadness that these children experience on a daily basis, without the hope that someone is coming to rescue them and reunify them with their loved ones. It is the same as those who've lost “everything” in a fire and have no idea how they are going to get any part of that back. The difference being that these are helpless children without the support of their families.

We'll all do what we can for the victims of the wildfires, but if you feel called to help one of these helpless children, please contact us to help you be that help and that hope for a child.

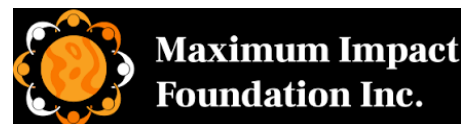
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