

# The Conversation

February 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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## The Founder's Conversation Starter



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](mailto:patrick@father-con.org)**

**We can only do this work, with the support of donors and sponsors. Make a world of difference – for our children and the communities they live in. Give generously to Father-Con and we will faithfully work on your behalf.**



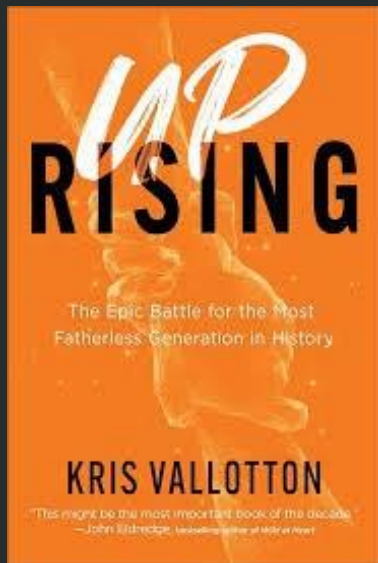
Also, Father-Con on Zelle & PayPal

**“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.

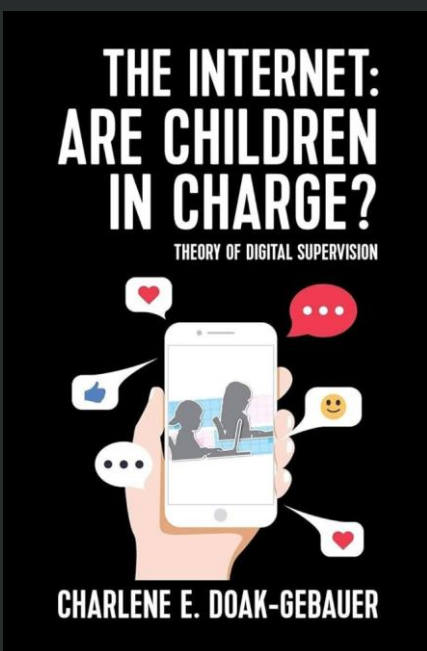
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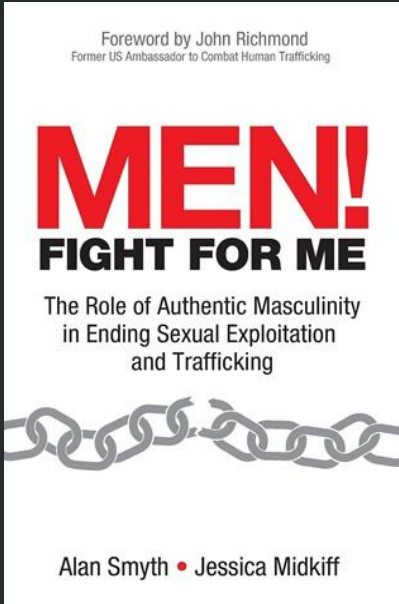
**Take a stand with the National Center on Sexual Exploitation – hold companies accountable for allowing children to be endangered.**

<https://endsexualexploitation.org/dirty-dozen-list-2024/>



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