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"Leading the charge to end slut shaming for good." —*Teen Vogue*

"A gutsy feminist play." —*NYLON magazine*

"The explicit link between slut-shaming, and the way it's used as a weapon against girls and against women who've been sexually assaulted...is the most valuable part of [the] book." —*DAME magazine*

"First and foremost, *SLUT* takes direct aim at slut-shaming." —*RH Reality Check*

"*SLUT* is truthful, raw and immediate! Experience this play and witness what American young women live with every day." —**Gloria Steinem, author of *My Life on the Road***

"*SLUT* resonates to the core. It's a call to arms, a wake up call. It's harrowing and terrifying but also steady and inspiring. It reminds us that we have work to do." —**Elizabeth Cuthrell, producer of *Meek's Cutoff***

"*SLUT* is a breathtakingly brave, honest and brutal look at the reality of violence against women." —**Kathy Najimy, Ms. Magazine's 2005 Woman of the Year**

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