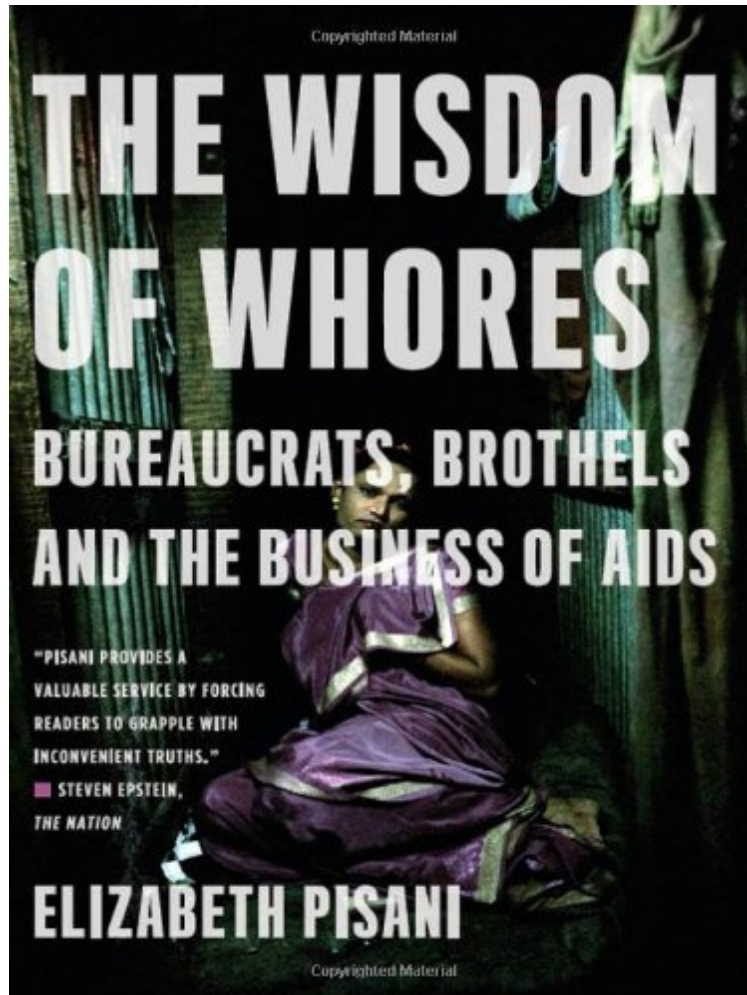


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The book will make you reconsider everything you thought you knew about HIV/AIDS. - Katie Hunter, Foreign PolicyThis is an utterly fascinating book. . . . Elizabeth Pisani writes with enormous verve and acerbity, her prose alive with anecdote and metaphor. . . . The Wisdom of Whores is a great read. - Stephen Lewis, The Globe and MailAbout the AuthorElizabeth Pisani has lived in Indonesia at various times over the past twenty-five years, originally as a journalist and later as an HIV epidemiologist. The author of *The Wisdom of Whores* and *Indonesia Etc.*, she is based in London.