

## **Black Rose Writing Publishes 'This Bird Flew Away', An Inspiring Story Of One Girl's Journey From Neglect, Betrayal And Abuse To A Life Dedicated To Helping Others**

*Lynda M. Martin, in conjunction with Black Rose Writing, has published a new novel tackling the sensitive subject of child abuse and how healing is possible. The book examines dark subject matter (family violence, alcohol abuse, child trafficking) affecting realistic, all-too-human characters, but Lynda ensures that the reader leaves feeling upbeat and optimistic.*

February 22, 2011 (FPRC) -- Lynda M. Martin, a child protection professional of more than thirty years, has published 'This Bird Flew Away', the first in a series of three books based on the life of a child protection professional. The book follows the story of Bria Jean who at the age of twelve goes missing, only later to surface injured, abused and traumatized. Jack, a family friend, becomes her legal guardian but he has no idea of the trials that lay ahead of him.

As a child protection professional, Lynda has heard and seen it all, the trauma of child abuse and the highs of recovery. In the late nineties she attended an international conference on child protection where she heard that less than thirty percent of child sex abuse is reported. This could mean that seven out of ten girls and four out of ten boys are victims of childhood sexual assault.

"That number has haunted me ever since" said Lynda, "I wanted to find a way to reach out to the seventy percent of all women who are living with those memories."

Although Bria is a fictional character she was conceived and born from Lynda's years of experience in child protection. This Bird Flew Away deals with sensitive issues, but ultimately Bria's story is one of optimism, the healing power of love, the strength of the human spirit, the connection of family and the triumph of good over evil.

"The author shines a beacon of truth and reality on child-abuse, alcoholism, familial love, hurt and healing" said R. Sowell, law enforcement professional, writer and consultant for the book. "It is a realistic, thoughtful and entertaining narrative about men, women and children and how they behave toward one another in circumstances often beyond their control."

About Lynda M. Martin:

After thirty years involvement in child protection, Lynda has now retired but continues her campaign to increase public awareness of the scope and extent of child exploitation. She is currently working on revisions to the second novel in this series 'Fly High, Fly Blind' and writing the third, 'Finding Emily'.

'This Bird Flew Away' (ISBN # 978-1-935605-92-8) is a 406-page paperback retailing at \$18.95 and is available for review request or purchase from [blackrosewritingbooks.com](http://blackrosewritingbooks.com) . It is also available from online bookstores like Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble and Books A Million.

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