

## **Abuse in Any Form Is An Ongoing Problem in Our Society Today**

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### **IS YOUR SELF-ESTEEM AT RISK?**

'A Challenge of Love,' a classic story based on true events, is set in the 1980's. Its story covers emotional, mental and physical abuse that is still widespread today, and still hidden until someone, be it a celebrity, or the Oprah show, brings it out into the headlines.

Do you know anyone experiencing abuse? Imagine yourself going through the shock and fear of abuse at the hands of another. Author, Gerri D Smith feels, 'this story may change your life, a relative's, or a friend's and may bring the power of self-esteem into focus.'

Dorri LaVogue, the main female character suffers abuse at the hands of her husband and fears the retribution of divorce by her strict parents. Just like Dorri, the hope and will to survive and start anew is deep inside each of us. No matter how abusive or hurtful a relationship is, there's still a kernel of bravery and survival inside - if you dig deep enough. And for the digging, you will come out better for it in the end.

Dorri finds her faith in love and marriage put to the test. Her self-esteem, and her hope of ever trusting the opposite sex again is at risk. 'A Challenge of Love,' says a lot about discovering yourself and your self-esteem - and that no one is perfect. Gerri says, 'To combat abuse in society, there is a crucial need to realize your self-worth.'

Gerri D Smith, is the owner, designer, and creative writer for Distinctive Elegance, an online resource that combines two businesses: apparel designing and creative writing. For well over twenty years, as owner, designer, writer, author, and publisher, Gerri inspires women to set higher goals. It is a motivational fashion and image outlet offering fashion eCourses, image improvement articles, as well as showcasing apparel and accessory items.

On the writing side, as well as publishing inspirational and informative articles, the first romance novel, based on true events hit the market in 2009. The story is part autobiographical, part fiction, and covers abuse in its ugliest forms. It is an important and an ongoing topic that needs to be continuously addressed - and eliminated.

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