Domestic Violence Resource Center

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WOMEN’S SHELTERS: FOR WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN

Hope’s Door:
Main Office: 50 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY 10532
914-747-0828:
24/7 Hotline 888-438-8700
Email: info@HopesDoorNY.org
www.HopesDoorNY.org
Hope’s Door Ossining Office: 100 S Highland Ave., Ossining, NY 10562
914-747-0828: by appointment only
Hopes Door Family Justice Center: County Courthouse: 111 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
White Plains, NY 10601, 914-995-3100: open 9am-5pm

My Sister’s Place:
3 Barker Ave. White Plains, NY 10601
Contact: Beth Levy: Attorney
914-683-1333
24/7 emergency hotline: 800-298-7233
Email: info@mspny.org

Process Server: My Sisters Place referral:
orders of protection, court orders, State Process Serving Co.
914-243-5817
RETREATS FOR BATTERED WOMEN

Lundy Bancroft:
413-582-6700
Website and blog: www.lundybancroft.com.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN:
DIVORCE ATTORNEYS

Richard Ducote:
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412-687-2020
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985-898-2755
Email: rducote@ducotelaw.com

Charlie and Diane Hofheimer
Hofheimer Family Law Firm: for women only Virginia Beach: 1604 Hilltop West
Executive Center: suite 300 Virginia Beach, VA. 23451
757-785-9761 (text us)
RESOURCES

Alliance for Justice

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence
americanbar.org/groups/domestic_violence/

Angela Shelton www.angelashelton.com angela@angelashelton.com

Anne Grant: Providence Journal
Freelance writer exposing the failure to protect mothers and children from violence (Rhode Island)
http://custodyscam.blogspot.com URL
Email:anne.grant@verizon.net

ASPCA:
424 East 92nd St.NY,NY 10128
800-628-0028
www.aspca.org

Battered Mothers Custody Conference
www.batteredmotherscustodyconference.org

California Protective Parents Association
P.O. Box 3632,Los Altos,CA.94024
www.caprotectiveparents.org
Email: info@caprotectiveparents.org

Cherie Blair Foundation
www.cherieblairfoundation.org
P.O. Box 60514, London, W2 7JU, UK
+44(0)20 7724 3109

Child Justice: Eileen King
8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 703 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
301-283-1762

Committee To Protect Journalists
www.cpj.org
P.O. Box 2675 NY, NY 10108
212-465-1004
email: info@cpj.org
Senior Advisor: Frank Smyth: www.journalistsecurity.net The Silencing Crime: Sexual Violence and Journalists Special Report; Lauren Wolfe

Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.ctcadv.org
860-282-7899
655 Winding Brook Drive suite 4050, Glastonbury, Ct. 06033
In state domestic violence hotline: 888-774-2900: CTSafeConnect.org

Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence
www.endsexualviolence.org
24 hour toll free hotline English 888-999-5545, Spanish 888-568-8332
CDC
Center For Disease Control Domestic violence:www.cdc.gov
resources:cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/resources.html

District Attorney Manhattan: Alvin Bragg
Website: www.manhattanda.org General information: 212-335-9000 Domestic Abuse
Hotline: 212-335-4308
Child Abuse:212-335-4308
Domestic Violence:212-335-4308
Human Trafficking:212-335-3400
Identity Theft Hotline:212-335-9600
Sex Crimes:212-335-9373

Domestic Violence Crisis Center, 24 hour hotline
http://www.dvccct.org 888-774-2900
New York State Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Hotline:800-942-6906
800-621-4673 New York City

DV Leap:
domestic violence legal empowerment and appeals project
Founder:Joan Meier
Legal Director:Sasha Drobnick
www.dvleap.org
Email: info@dvleap.org

Emilys List:
Washington DC::202-326-1400
www.emilyslist.org
“We ignite change by getting pro-choice Democratic women elected”

Eve Ensler: Vagina Monologues
www.vday.org

Global Journalist Security
Frank Smyth: Executive Director
www.gjs-security.com
Workshops for: Journalists, Human Rights Defenders, NGO’s, freelance photographers and writers
Sexual assault scenario training, self protection in mobs, self care

Half The Sky Movement: Nicholas Kristof www.halftheskymovement.org
Documentary on international sex trafficking.

He for She Campaign
www.heforshe.org
A UN Women’s campaign for gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Human Rights Watch
Kenneth Roth
International Human Rights
www.hrw.org
hrwpress@hrw.org

It’s On Us Campaign
It’s on us to stop sexual assault
www.itsonus.org
email:contact@itsonus.org
National Sexual Assault Hotline:
800-656-4673

Jewish Womens International:
vision, voice, leadership to empower women & girls
1129 20th Street NW Suite 801 Washington DC 20036
800-343-2823
www.jwi.org

Joe Torre: Safe At Home Foundation
www.joetorre.org
New York; 877-878-4JOE
P.O. Box 1037 Midtown Station NY, NY 10018
contact@joetorre.org
Los Angeles: 12304 Santa Monica Blvd.suite 325;Los Angeles,CA.90025
Cincinnati: 3692 Madison Road suite N1#242;Cincinnati, OH 65208

Lundy Bancroft:
Writer, author, speaker, film producer and domestic violence advocate for battered women, protective mothers, and their children abused by men
www.lundybancroft.com

Michael Lesher:
attorney and author addressing the sexual abuse of children in the orthodox Jewish community Brooklyn, New York
www.MichaelLesher.com
Email: MichaelLesher@optonline.net
National Dating Abuse Hotline
866-331-9474
www.loveisrespect.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-7233 (hope)
800-787-3224 (TTY) en espanol
www.thehotline.org

NNEDV: National Network to End Domestic Violence
www.nnedv.org
1325 Massachusetts Ave. NW 7th floor
Washington DC 20005-4188
202-543-5566
Hotline: 800-799-7233

National Organization For Women
www.now.org

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Pennsylvania Domestic Violence Resource Center
6041 Linglestown Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17112
800-537-2238
www.nrcdv.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline: RAINN
800-656-4673
www.rainn.org
online chat: online.rainn.org / espanol: rainn.org/es
**NCADV**: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
600 Grant, Suite 750 Denver, Colorado 80203 www.ncadv.org
Colorado office: 303-839-1852

New York City Mayors Office to End Domestic and Gender Based Violence
Family Justice Center
NYC Family Justice Center: Bronx: 718-508-1220
NYC Family Justice Center: Brooklyn: 718-250-5113
NYC Family Justice Center: Manhattan: 212-602-2800
New York City: Family Justice Center: Queens: 718-575-4545
New York City: Family Justice Center: Staten Island: 718-697-4300

**New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence**
119 Washington Ave. Albany, NY 12210
518-482-5465
www.nyscadv.org
Email: nyscadv@nyscadv.org

**New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence**
OPDV: Office on the Prevention of Domestic Violence
518-457-8828
New York State Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: 800-942-6906
Email: opdvpublicinfo@opdv.ny.gov

**New York University Law School, New York, NY: Domestic Violence Advocacy Project**
212-998-6100
www.law.nyu.edu
President: Emily J. Sun
emily.sun@law.nyu.edu

No More Campaign: Together we can end domestic violence and sexual assault
www.nomore.org

Pace Women’s Justice Center Office
914-422-4188: for legal guidance
for assistance: 914-287-0739
78 N. Broadway White Plains, NY 10603
pursuing justice for victims of abuse
www.law.pace.edu

Paula Lucas:
founded the: Pathways To Safety International
Website: pathway.safety.org
Email: crisis@pathwaytosafety.org
A domestic violence advocacy organization saving the lives of American women being abused by men overseas. Written by a domestic violence survivor, Paula Lucas.
A domestic violence advocacy organization recognized by Eric Holder, Colin Powell and international leaders in the domestic violence advocacy movement in the United States.
Founded the sexual assault support + help for americans abroad program SASHAA
25 NW 23rd place suite 6 PMB#461 Portland, Oregon 97210

Planned Parenthood
Website: www.plannedparenthood.org
800-230-7526

Room To Read
Featured in Half the Sky DVD, John Wood: working to keep girls in school in underdeveloped countries.
www.roomtoread.org
Email: info@roomtoread.org:
465 California Street suite 100 San Francisco, CA 94104
Global office San Francisco, CA 415-839-4400

Safe Horizon:
New York State Domestic Violence
2 Lafayette Street New York City, NY 10007 Contact Ariel Zwang, CEO: 212-577-7700
Multilingual support is available 24 hours a day
Safe Horizons Hotline:
Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-621-HOPE (4673) Sexual Assault Hotline: 212-227-3000
Crime Victims Hotline: 866-689-HELP (4357) www.safehorizon.org

Sanctuary for Families:
NYC organization dedicated to the safety, healing and self determination of victims of domestic violence and related forms of gender violence
https://sanctuaryforfamilies.org
P.O. Box 1406 Wall Street Station New York, NY 10268
212-349-6009
email: info@sffny.org
Save The Children:
US Headquarters
501 Kings Highway East suite 400 Fairfield, CT 06825
203-221-4000 : 800-728-3843
www.savethechildren.org
Email: supportercare@savechildren.org

Trust Women Conference
Thomas Reuters Foundation www.trustconference.com
International leaders exposing sex trafficking, human trafficking and male domestic violence against women, protective mothers and their children

Unicef: USA
www.unicefusa.org
Michael J. Nyenhuis: president + CEO
125 Maiden Lane New York,,NY 10038
212-686-5522
International child protection

University of Colorado Denver: School Of Public Affairs
Center For Community Safety and Resilience: Director: Neena Jain
CCSR
www.ccsr@ucdenver.edu

UN Women: www.unwomen.org
Headquarters: 220 East 42nd St. NY, NY10017
646-781-4400
**US Department of Justice: Office on Violence Against Women**

Founded by Hillary Clinton  
www.justice.gov/OVW  
Office: 202-307-6026  
Acting Director: Laura L. Rogers

**Westchester County Office For Women**

Project Director DVHRT: David M. Ryan

**Women’s Law**

www.womenslaw.org  
A project of NNEDV providing information and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault orders of protection forms online.  
www.NNEDV.org  
www.TechSafety.org  
800-799-7233 National Domestic Violence Hotline

**BOOKS**

**Lundy Bancroft: The Batterer As Parent** (2002 and 2020)

The Batterer As Parent, takes the reader inside the homes affected by domestic violence, imparting an understanding of the atmosphere that battering men create for the children who live with them. Bancroft and Silverman show how partner abuse affects each relationship in a family and explain how emotional recovery is extricably linked to the healing and empowerment of the mothers. The authors cover the important and often overlooked area of the post-separation, parenting behaviors of men who batter, including their use of custody litigation as a tool of abuse. Readers are also guided in evaluating change in the parenting of men who batter, assessing risk to children from unsupervised visitation, and supporting the emotional recovery of children. Although the book is written for professionals, its accessible style makes it engaging and useful for abused mothers and anyone else wishing to assist children exposed to battering.

Has your partner changed dramatically from the man you originally got involved with? Do you struggle with trying to understand what is bothering him and how to keep him from exploding? Do you feel like you are always messing things up in his eyes and can’t figure out how to get it right? Why Does He do That, has become the go to book for women who have partners who are angry, controlling or unfaithful. This book will help you sort out whether your partner’s behavior is just “normal relationship stuff” or whether he is trying to control you. And if he is controlling Lundy will guide you in how to keep yourself safe and sort out the way forward for your life.


Lundy Bancroft’s new book offers women daily guidance and inspiration for meeting the challenges of living with a controlling partner. Lundy helps the reader navigate the confusion, emotional wounding and intimidation that angry and controlling men cause.

Lundy Bancroft: *When Dad Hurts Mom* (2005)

Can my partner abuse me and still be a good parent? Should I stay with my partner for my children’s sake. How should I talk to my children about the abuse and help them heal. Am I a bad mother? Mothers in physically or emotionally abusive relationships ask themselves these questions every day. Here, a counselor reveals how abusers interact with and manipulate children and how mothers can help their children recover from the trauma of witnessing abuse.

Lundy Bancroft, *Should I Stay Or Should I Go* (2011)

with JAC Patrissi

Are you tired of that aching feeling in your heart. Do you feel you have to work everyday to earn your partner’s love? Has your partner cheated on you? This book guides women on putting their finger on exactly what has gone wrong in their relationships and knowing what decisive action to take now.

Susan Brownmiller: *Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape* (1993)

As powerful and timely now as when it was first published, Against Our Will, stands as a unique document of the history of politics and sociology of rape and the inherent and
ingrained inequality of men and women under the law. Fact by fact, Susan Brownmiller pulls back the centuries of damaging lies and misrepresentations to reveal how rape has been accepted in all societies and how it continues to profoundly affect women's lives today. A keen and prescient analyst, a detailed historian, Susan Brownmiller discusses the consequences of rape in biblical times, rape as an acceptable spoil of war, as well as child molestation, marital rape, and date rape, (a term that she coined). In fluid, persuasive prose, Brownmiller uses her experiences as a journalist to create a definitive, devastating work of lasting social importance.

**Ross Chiet: The Witch Hunt Narrative, Politics, Psychology and the Sexual Abuse of Children:**

Oxford University Press 2014 USA

Empirically challenges the view that a series of high-profile cases in the 1980's and early 1990's were hoaxes. Shows how a narrative based on empirically thin evidence became a theory with real social force and how that theory stood at odds with the reality of child sexual abuse.


The model emphasizes understanding a battered women's perspective, including her risk analysis and safety plan; building partnerships with battered women; and systems advocacy. It seeks to craft courses of action that will enhance women's safety given their individual realities.

**Donna Ferrato:”Living with the Enemy”**

Aperture Foundation: 1991

Donna Ferrato is an internationally-known documentary photographer. Her gifts for exploration, illumination, and documentation, coupled with a commitment to revealing the darker side of humanity, have made her a giant in the medium.

Donna Ferrato rode over 6,000 hours with police around the country to get some of the photographs in *Living With The Enemy*, Ferrato writes, “Much of the book was born out of frustration – first, because I felt powerless in the face of the violence I had seen, and, second, because for a long time no magazine would publish the pictures. It was only when I received the W. Eugene Smith Award in 1986 that magazine editors began to take the project seriously.” Ferrato felt the problem had been concealed from public view for too long and it was important to show as many aspects of the problem as she
could. Some of the names in the book were changed, but all of the photographs stories are real.


Those who have never experienced an abusive or violent relationship often believe that when finding a way out, victims’ difficulties are solved, their life is good, they are safe and recovery will be swift. However survivors know that leaving is not the end of the nightmare, it is the beginning of an often difficult and challenging journey through healing and happiness. *It’s My Life Now* offers readers the practical guidance, emotional reassurance and psychological awareness that survivors of relationship abuse and domestic violence need to heal and reclaim their lives after leaving their abusers. Since its publication in 2000, *It’s My Life Now,* has been highly successful as a working manual for survivors who are starting their lives over after an abusive relationship. This valuable book combines direction on practical and emotional issues with worksheets and self exploration exercises. Now in the second edition, Dugan and Hock include updated information and resources while encompassing a wider range of individuals and the relationships in which abuse and violence occur. The new edition also provides a new emphasis on safety assessment which has increasingly been shown to be a critical factor in recovery. In addition, this new addition includes current resources and information about organizations for victims along with revised and enhanced strategies to help survivors move forward on the path of recovery.


Your personal guide to ending abuse, taking charge and loving yourself. Offering a step by step path out of abuse and into life-management and self-care, this book provides readers with a personalized action plan for getting out of an abusive situation and into a safe place.

David Finkelhor: *License To Rape: Sexual Abuse of Wives* (1987)

Two Psychologists examine the psychological and social implications of sexual abuse within the marriage, in a study that explores the motives behind the marital rape, the emotional and legal aspects and patterns of sexual abuse.

Ann Jones: *Next Time She’ll Be Dead: Battering And How To Stop It* (2000)

In *Next Time She’ll Be Dead,* Ann Jones argues that all women have the right to live free from bodily harm. Yet violence against women continues. *Next Time She’ll Be Dead*
examines four habits of the American mind that cloud our thinking about women battering and contribute to the persistence of what we euphemistically call domestic violence.

**Ann Jones: When Love Goes Wrong: What To Do When You Can’t Do Anything Right**  
(1993)

This book was written at the request of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence to benefit millions of women who find themselves in relationships with controlling or abusive partners and don't know what to do or even what's wrong. A woman may feel confused, anxious, inadequate, intimidated or as if she is walking on egg shells. She may find herself trying harder to make things right without ever being successful. Ann Jones and her friend the late, Susan Schechter, the well known activist and writer, combined their long experience working with abused women and children to offer an eye opening analysis of controlling partners and a wealth of information for women who want to change their lives for the better.

**Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn: Half The Sky** (2009)

From two of the most fiercely moral voices, a passionate call to arms against our era’s most pervasive human rights violation, the oppression of women and girls in the developing world.

**Paula Lucas: Harvesting Stones** (2013)

When Paula Lucas, a Catholic farm girl raised in the agricultural heartland of California, met and internationally known foreign photographer from San Francisco, shortly after college, her life transformed. She spent fourteen years living and traveling overseas in Europe, the middle east and the far East. A dream come true as an ex-pat, except she hid terrible secrets, that almost cost the lives of her children and herself. The night before she fled Dubai, in April 1999, she made a covenant with God that she would help other American women and children being terrorized in foreign countries if she successfully escaped the next day. She did, seeking safety at her sisters house in Portland, Oregon, she thought her nightmare would end, it didn’t. She was forced to flee once again. Homeless and on the run at forty years old with three little boys, they lived like gypsies along the California and Oregon coast hiding from the man that threatened, "I will hunt you down and slaughter you like animals, no matter where you are in the world." From victim to victor, Paula weaves you through her astonishing life journey for the first time since her escape, almost fifteen years ago in this tell all memoir.
Del Martin: *Battered Wives* (1981)

*Battered Wives* is the first (and still the best) general introduction to the problem of abuse. *Battered Wives* includes excellent critical summaries of the legal and political status of battered wives and the extent to which their immediate predicament must be understood in broad political terms. Del Martin argues that the basis of the problem is not in husband/wife interaction or immediate triggering events, but in the institution of marriage, historical attitudes toward women, the economy and inadequacies in legal and social service systems. Martin wants police and prosecutor functions constrained. She proposes specific legislation prohibiting wife abuse and suggests that judges protect the wife by closing the door to probation and de-emphasizing reconciliation. Other considerations concern gun control, equal rights and marriage contract legislation. *Battered Wives* is the seminal benchmark title on the subject of domestic violence.

Amy Neustein: *From Madness to Mutiny: Why Mothers Are Running From the Family Courts And What Can Be Done About It* (2005)

In this astonishing book sociologist Amy Neustein and attorney Michael Lesher examine the serious dysfunction of the nation’s family courts - a dysfunction that too often results in the courts’ failure to protect the people they were designed to help. Specifically, the authors chronicle cases in which mothers who believe their children have been sexually abused by their fathers are disbelieved, ridiculed or punished for trying to protect them. All too often the mother in such a case, is deemed the unstable parent and her children are removed from her care to be placed in foster care or even with the father credibly accused of abusing them. *From Madness to Mutiny* offers an overview of family court malfunction mutiny that results from it. The authors outline the legal landscape that makes the madness possible and shows how the system has failed to react to severe criticism from media and legislators. And they discuss ways to reform the family courts with the goal of transforming them from instruments of punishment to true institutions of justice.

Anna Quindlen: *Black and Blue* (1998)

For eighteen years Fran Benedetto kept her secret, hid her bruises. She stayed with Bobby because she wanted her son to have a father, and because in spite of everything, she loved him. Then one night, when she saw the look on her ten year old son’s face, Fran finally made a choice and ran for both of their lives. Now she is starting over in a city far from home, far from Bobby. In this place she uses a name that isn't hers, watches over her son, and tries to forget. For the woman who now calls herself Beth, every day is a chance to heal, to put together her shattered self. And every day she waits for Bobby to catch up to her. Bobby always said he would never let her go.
and despite the ingenuity of her escape, Fran Benedetto is certain of one thing, it is only a matter of time.


“This is a story about how I was saved by love at a time when most people considered me beyond rescue.” So begins Victor Rivas Rivers in this powerful chronicle of his escape from the war zone of domestic violence - too often regarded as a "private family matter" and his journey toward independence, recovery and renewal. In *A Private Family Matter*, Victor recalls his days as an angry youth living under the rule and wrath of his father. A Cuban immigrant, Victor’s dad was nicknamed El Ciclon for his tempestuous temperament, which led him not only to beat his wife but to abuse and eventually kidnap his own children. How Victor managed to seek help for his family and criminal punishment for his father, overcome demons and learn to love himself and share his experience with other victims and survivors of domestic abuse is the heart of this profound and affecting memoir.

**Angela Shelton: Finding Angela Shelton** (2008)

Finding Angela Shelton is a memoir of courage survival and faith. It is the journey of a young woman who discovers herself in stories of other women who share her name and coincidentally share experiences of violence and abuse that plagued her childhood. Through her physical journey across the country she is thrust into her own emotional journey. She embraces each woman she meets, is strengthened by their connections, confronts the father that molested her and ultimately finds faith, divine purpose and wholeness.

**Gloria Steinem: My Life On the Road**: 2015

My Life On The Road is the moving, funny and profound story of Glorias growth and also the growth of a revolutionary movement for equality-and the story of how surprising encounters on the road shaped both. From her first experience of social activism among women in India, to her work as a journalist in the 1960s; from the whirlwind political campaigns to the founding of Ms magazine, from the historic 1977 National Womens Conference to her travels through Indian country- a lifetime spent on the road allowed Gloria to listen and connect deeply with people to understand that context is everything and to become part of a movement that would change the world.

**Lenore Walker: The Battered Woman** (1980)
Battering is one of the underreported, over mythologized crimes. It is terrifying in its privacy, its intimate violence, its displaced rage and distorted eroticism. Professor Walker’s study suggests that not only is it not a crime of the drunken, ethnic, working classes, but also that battered women are far more common in the middle class and higher income homes where the power of their wealth is in the hands of their husbands. In addition to carefully written and inevitably disturbing case studies, Professor Walker’s book includes sections on preventative education, practical remedies, including safe-houses and a careful discussion of psychotherapy. It is a sensible, compassionate feminist book.

**Susan Weitzman: Not To People like Us: Hidden Abuse in Upscale Marriages**
(2001) Chicago’s affluent North Shore provides 20 year veteran psychologist Weitzman with abundant evidence of the secret lives of upscale domestic abusers and their victim wives. Shattering the cultural myth that emotional and physical violence in the home is confined to couples of a lower socioeconomic class, the author presents vivid case histories that are often excluded from clinical studies and statistics. Lacking a frame of reference for domestic violence with this echelon, healthcare professionals ignore the signs, while law enforcement agents and judges go easy on it, she contends. Few believe or sympathize with a well dressed, bejeweled woman if she finds the courage and self respect to speak out against her successful, respected, powerful and often charming husband, while battered women’s shelters turn her away, assuming that she has many other resources. But according to Weitzman she doesn't. While often well educated and successful the "upscale abused woman" is typically ignorant of her legal rights, convinced by her abuser that she is responsible for his behavior and isolated by her denial and shame from validating voices and potential assistance. Weitzman’s upscale abuser exhibits narcissistic personality disorder, feels eminently entitled and is incapable of seeing his wife as a person in her own right. Weitzman provides excellent practical advice for these women to make choices that extricate them from abuse and proposes a new language and better education regarding" upscale violence" for the professionals who are likely to see it with her work.

**Karen Winner: Divorced From Justice: The Abuse of Women and Children by Divorce Lawyers and Judges**
(1996)

Contact with the divorce court system may be extremely dangerous. You may lose your children, your home, your life savings and your health. Before you enter a divorce lawyer’s office or courtroom, read this book to protect yourself and your children. It provides a vital road map through the treacherous landscape of divorce. A full fledged assault against women and children is under way in the divorce courts across the country. Women are losing their economic security, their homes, their child support and even their children because of corrupt court proceedings. In Divorced From Justice, Karen Winner explodes the myth that divorce laws were created to protect women and
children financially and reveals how all women, from poor and working class women to professional women of affluent means, are all too often at the mercy of divorce lawyers who deal in dirty tricks, and judges who flagrantly violate the laws they are supposed to uphold.

FILMS

A Cry For Help: The Tracey Thurman Story: Written by Beth Sullivan

A true story of a woman, Tracey Thurman, who was brutally beaten by her husband many times. She contacted the police department numerous times in Torrington, Ct., her police department that failed to protect her even with an order of protection in place against him. After he had threatened to kill her and kidnapped her son, she contacted the Torrington, Ct. police department and they continued to ignore her ex-husband’s threats. After she was attacked by her ex-husband with the police department present and witnesses, her lawyer, Burton Weinstein, filed a lawsuit against the town of Torrington, Ct. and the Torrington, Ct., Police Department. She won the law suit with a 2.5 million dollar settlement and her ex-husband went to jail.

Behind Closed Doors: (2016) Documentary: Anna Hall

An intimate look at the horrors of male domestic abuse of women, protective mothers and their children and the terror they create in their lives.

Black and Blue: (1999) based on the novel by Anna Quindlen

Black and Blue directed by Paul Shapiro. After a woman’s husband beats and abuses her, she and her son join the witness protection program and move away secretly.

Brave Miss World: (2013) Documentary by Cecilia Peck

Miss Israel, Linor Abargil was abducted, stabbed and raped in Milan, Italy, at the age of 18. She had to represent her country in the Miss World competition only six weeks later. When to her shock, she was crowned the winner she vowed to do something about rape. The film follows her from the rape, to being crowned Miss World, to her fight to put a serial rapist behind bars, to becoming a public advocate for others.

Breaking The Silence: (2005) Children’s Stories
Breaking The Silence Childrens Stories, chronicles the impact of domestic violence on children and the recurring failings of the family courts across the country to protect them from their abusers. In stark and often poignant interviews, children and battered mothers tell their stories of abuse at home and continued trauma within the courts.


Breaking the Silence Journeys of Hope is a penetrating examination of the pervasiveness of domestic violence in our society, the efforts that are being made to combat it, and the lives of women who became survivors instead of victims.

**Half The Sky: (2012) Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn**

Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, was filmed in ten countries and follows Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, and celebrity activists on a journey to tell the stories of inspiring, courageous individuals. Across the globe oppression is being confronted and real meaningful solutions are being fashioned through healthcare, education and economic empowerment of women and girls. The linked problems of sex trafficking and forced prostitution, gender-based violence and maternal mortality—which needlessly claim one woman every ninety seconds—presents to us the single most vital opportunity of our time, the opportunity to make a change. All over the world women are seizing the opportunity.

**No Way Out But One: (2013) Documentary Producers Garland Waller, Barry Nolan**

Holly Collins came to the family courts of Minnesota with the intention of bringing charges of domestic violence against her ex-husband. The courts response was not to come to her aid, but instead to grant full custody of her children to her children's abuser in 1994. Holly Collins became an international fugitive when she ignored the court ruling, grabbed her three children and went on the run from her abusive ex-husband in what would become an incredible saga. Holly eventually fled the United States and lived beneath the radar. Holly and her children eventually make it to Amsterdam with no visa or passports where she was able to plead for asylum. In September of 2011, Holly and her children safely returned to the United States after living as fugitives. Theirs is a story of hope, determination and ultimately justice.

**Private Violence: Documentary (2014) Cynthia Hill**

Private Violence explores a simple but deeply disturbing fact about American life, the most dangerous place for a woman in America is her own home. Everyday in the U.S., at least four women are murdered by abusive (and often ex) partners. Through the eyes
of two survivors—Deanna Walters, a mother who seeks justice for the crimes committed against her at the hands of her estranged husband and Kit Gruelle, an advocate who seeks justice for all women—we bear witness to the complex realities of intimate partner violence.

**Searching for Angela Shelton (2004)** Documentary: Angela Shelton

In the uplifting and multiple award winning documentary, *Searching For Angela Shelton* filmmaker Angela Shelton drives around the United States surveying other Angela Sheltons. She discovers 24 of the forty Angela Sheltons she speaks to are survivors of rape, childhood sexual assault and/or domestic violence.

**Sleeping With The Enemy (1991)**

Based on the novel by Nancy Price, *Sleeping With The Enemy*.

**Small Justice: little justice in Americas family courts** Documentary: Garland Waller

This one hour video documents three cases where abused women have faced systematic mistreatment by family courts as they attempt to protect their children from domestic violence and sexual abuse. This well made and carefully researched film is an important resource for community members working for court reforms.

**The Hunting Ground**

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From the Academy Award-nominated filmmakers behind *The Invisible War* comes a startling expose of rape crimes on US campuses, institutional cover-ups and the brutal social toll on victims and their families. *The Hunting Ground* is a must see account of the harsh retaliation, harassment and pushback survivors face as they pursue their education while fighting for justice. Premiered at the Sundance Film Festival 2015, Official Selection Sundance Film Festival

**Wounded to Death**

Featured on www.trustconference.com
"Wounded To Death", is a book reading event based on the work of Italian authors Serena Dandini and Maura Misita presented at the" Trust Women Conference" about violence against women internationally.

**JOURNALISTS: ARTICLES ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Kate Bailey**


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National legal correspondent

“No longer ignored, evidence solves rape cases years later” The New York Times

August 2, 2014

**Liz Ford**

Deputy Editor for Global Development The Guardian

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Calamitous: domestic violence set to soar by 20% during global lockdown: April 28, 2020

Lockdowns around the world bring rise in domestic violence: March 28, 2020

**Melissa Jeltsen**

Senior Reporter Huffington Post

Congress Urged To Protect Domestic Violence Victims In Next COVID-19 Bill

April 28, 2020

As Nation Stays Home Early indicators Suggest Rise In Domestic Violence Killings

April 12, 2020

**Steve McCurry (2014)**

Photojournalist featured in "Lens" The New York Times "Behind Closed Doors"
The powerful photography exhibit by international photographer, Steve McCurry of the "Behind Closed Door" exhibit, exposing violence against domestic workers, violence against women, protective mothers and children internationally.

Dan Reiner: The Journal News: December 17, 2017
“After Pound Ridge double-murder suicide, community takes steps to prevent tragedies”

Adrianne Sanders: The Journal News January 22, 2016
“Well to Do Domestic Violence Victims Hide in the Shadows at Their Own Peril”

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