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Description:

Review "Nancy Draper has written a moving account of her elderly mother's battle with HIV/AIDS. The disease was diagnosed in 1988, the result of a blood transfusion given during cardiac surgery several years earlier. The title refers to the fact that her mother felt compelled to keep the diagnosis secret and suffered in silence because of the social stigmas associated with the disease. During the earlier part of her illness, there are numerous examples of the pain and harm caused by insensitive health care professionals, which serve as lessons for those who work in palliative care. Thankfully,

her mother finally received some proper palliative care during the terminal phase of her illness." Roger Woodruff, M.D. (Director of Palliative Care, Austin Health, Melbourne, Australia) -- International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care

"This is a devoted daughter's story of her elderly mother's painful and lonely journey through AIDS. Because her mother was not part of a so-called AIDS risk group, she felt ignored, rejected, stigmatized, and ashamed. For years, she suffered in excruciating silence. Nancy has given her mother's story a voice. There are lessons for everyone in this book - lessons about acceptance, compassion, and forgiveness." --Ann Webster, Ph.D. , director, HIV/AIDS Program, Mind/Body Institute, Boston, MA

Nancy Draper has written a tender account of a daughter's devotion to her dying mother. This story, about a grandmother who developed AIDS from a contaminated blood transfusion, will inspire admiration for Ms. Draper's courage and persistence. It will also inspire rage against the blood banks that failed to screen blood donations adequately." --Ann Pozen, Psy.D., president, National Association for Victims of Transfusion-Acquired AIDS, Inc., Bethesda, MD

"Nancy Draper's mother told her, 'I want you to write about me having AIDS because I don't want anyone else to suffer in silence like we have.' Nancy's mother must be very proud of her and this account of three years of fear, heartache, some good days and always deep love." --Father Pat McCloskey, O.F.M., Editor, "St. Anthony Messenger"

From the Back Cover "A Burden of Silence: My Mother's Battle with AIDS" is a heartwarming story of an affectionate bond between a daughter and her elderly mother. It will evoke emotions of faith, inspiration, anger, and love. Anyone going through an illness will benefit from the holistic techniques described in this book.

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