is proud to announce that

Jody Raphael’s women, poverty and violence trilogy has been completed with the May 2007 publication of

**Freeing Tammy: Women, Drugs, and Incarceration**

Special discounts are available from the publisher through December 31, 2007.
Raised in a middle-class family, Tammara (Tammy) Johnson’s childhood sexual assault and domestic violence led her to a 19-year-long heroin habit and an erroneous conviction for selling drugs. This book, the third in a trilogy about Chicago women by noted author Jody Raphael, shows the detrimental effects of incarceration on an already abused woman. Raphael uses the transit of Tammy’s life to investigate the linkages between childhood sexual assault and domestic violence with women’s drug addiction and then crime. Using Tammy’s own words, she demonstrates how childhood sexual assault and domestic violence can make women poor, and how dysfunctional coping strategies keep them poor.

"Part great journalism and part thorough research, Raphael’s book is an inspirational story of resilience and redemption wrapped in a deeply disturbing indictment of America’s destructive response to women and their children trapped in the cycle of sexual violence, drugs and imprisonment."

– Peter Edelman, professor of law, Georgetown University Law Center, and former assistant secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

"In Freeing Tammy, Raphael manages to tell a deeply engaging and moving story that simultaneously conveys important truths about the nature of imprisonment, the promise of redemption, and the strength and courage that it takes to overcome trauma and oppression. Like the life it describes, it is an extraordinary and inspiring achievement."

– Craig W. Haney, professor of psychology, University of California, Santa Cruz

Olivia’s early experiences with violence led her to seek power and control in a strip club, where she became trapped in a web of prostitution and drug addiction that eventually forced her onto the streets and into a world of hardship at the hands of abusive men. Olivia is a compelling account of one woman’s descent into poverty and abuse together with her hard-fought recovery. By assimilating new research on women and girls in prostitution, Raphael discovers that experiences like Olivia’s are alarmingly common and argues that the sex trade as an institution promotes violence against women.

"In Listening to Olivia, Raphael manages to tell a deeply engaging and moving story that simultaneously conveys important truths about the nature of imprisonment, the promise of redemption, and the strength and courage that it takes to overcome trauma and oppression. Like the life it describes, it is an extraordinary and inspiring achievement."

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This is the story of Bernice, a former welfare mother and survivor of domestic violence, and her arduous journey through, escape from and ultimate triumph over years of battering, poverty and welfare. Skillfully interweaving Bernice’s own eloquent words about her harrowing abuse with descriptions of other women’s similar experiences and a rich synthesis of statistical findings, Raphael demonstrates convincingly that domestic violence and dependence on public assistance are intricately linked.

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