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ARE WE ADDICTED TO DRAMA AND DYSFUNCTION? NEW NOVEL EXPLORES "THE NEW A.D.D."

ANTIOCH, IL – March 26, 2006 – Do you know a man who is repeatedly late for work but surprised when he loses his job? Do you know a woman who thinks a man is giving her love taps when he hits her? Do you know people who are happier when others are sad or people who find peace to be a bore? Do you know someone addicted to ‘reality’ television programs?

These are examples of The New A.D.D. – Addiction to Drama and Dysfunction, which is more widespread than Attention Deficit Disorder, according to author Alethea Pascascio. She explores the syndrome in her new novel, "Bag Lady" (Queen Publications, April 28, 2006), which chronicles the tumultuous life of Faith Donovan. Faith is a woman at the mercy of her past, which is the hallmark of The New A.D.D.

Haunted by the dysfunction of her childhood, Faith finds that her compulsive behavior lands her in a series of bad relationships. Eventually, she realizes that all of her relationships had one thing in common – HER. Faith's story, "Bag Lady" demonstrates our psychological addiction to the dysfunctions of our past. This addiction causes us to recreate over and over what is familiar, no matter how painful.

"I knew I was on to something," Pascascio said today, "when a friend of mine said her marriage was boring because her husband was actually a good man – no affairs, no abuse or neglect. So, she's considering having an affair to give her some excitement. After asking her a few questions, it became clear that she saw nothing in her childhood home but drama. Clearly, something is wrong, and I had to put a name to it."

"Bag Lady" begins with Faith's childhood, allowing the reader to understand the progression of her life. But there's a twist! The novel also investigates the healing process that can relieve all of us from the ravages of The New A.D.D.

"Bag Lady" will be released on April 28, 2006 and can be ordered from Amazon.com and bookstores everywhere.

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