

## **Woman Dashes Hot Cooking Oil on Husband Then Claims Self-Defense**

*Abuse: Is It A Generational Dysfunction?*

**CHICAGO, IL - October 1, 2006** - During the month of October, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, author, Alethea Pascascio will be donating several copies of her debut novel, *Bag Lady*, to battered women's shelters in Illinois, California, Minnesota, New York and Georgia.

*Bag Lady* is a tale of Faith Donovan, a woman whose vision and judgment have been tainted by the pain in her past. Faith's journey takes her into three marriages and an unbelievably bizarre situation with a man who tries to manipulate her with witchcraft. In a desperate search for love and acceptance, Faith carries the cycle of physical abuse from childhood on into her first marriage. Soon Faith finds herself battling a husband under the influence of anger and crack cocaine, and a bubbling pot of oil is her only defense.

"Domestic violence is one of the many ills within society that adversely affects a multitude of people, especially women," Pascascio said today. It often goes from generation to generation and really needs to be eradicated. As depicted in my novel, *Bag Lady*, the tables can quickly turn on an abuser resulting in him/her becoming injured or even worse, killed. I would implore everyone to have zero tolerance for domestic violence. We all need to understand that no matter what we saw in the past, abuse of any form is not a substitute for love. Because my novel has been hailed as being a self-help guide, I'm donating several copies of it to the shelters."

*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 emotional baggage and physical abuse.

*Bag Lady* has the **privilege** of being **required reading** at **Tennessee State University**.

PRAISES FOR *Bag Lady*:

"Bag Lady is a page turner that has you rushing to read the next page. Alethea Pascascio has written a hit, and reading it will remind you of at least one relationship that you've been in. It reminded me of two!! Its an excellent read and I can't wait to read more from Mrs. Pascascio." – *Keila Miller, Grown Folks Cafe - Mahogany Media Review*

"By the time you finish reading Bag Lady, you're sure to throw out any issues you may have been carrying around. Alethea Pascascio has written a drama-packed story that will hold your attention from page one to the last page." – *Shelia M. Goss, National Bestselling Author of My Invisible Husband and Roses are thorns, Violets are true*

"Fantastic! The best book to read this summer and for many years to come. The message couldn't have come at a better time." – *4dasoul.com, The Best in Neo-Soul Radio*

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