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## **DENISE BROWN BOYCOTTS 'IF I DID IT' BOOK**

Denise Brown is asking advocates to fight publication of *If I Did It*, the O.J. Simpson ghost-written book that details the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Robert Goldman. Nicole Brown was Denise Brown's sister.

The Goldman family was awarded the rights to the book and Simpson's name and likeness associated with it in July. They are owed \$33.5 million in damages from their successful civil lawsuit against Simpson, and hope to use proceeds from the book to satisfy part of that award.

"I plead with the public the help protect the two innocent victims in all of this," Denise Brown said in an email to advocates. "I can't bear that Sydney and Justin, Nicole's children, will have to be subjected to this step by step manual on how their mother and her friend Ron were murdered." Brown is asking advocates to sign a petition opposing *If I Did It*. The petition is posted online at [www.thepetitionsite.com/1/dont-publish-the-if-i-did-it-book](http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/dont-publish-the-if-i-did-it-book).

Four hundred thousand copies of the book were printed last November, but it and a prime time television interview with Simpson were scrapped at the last minute because of public outrage.

Barnes & Noble has already said that it will not stock copies of the new book, but will make it available through special order or for purchase online. Rival chain Borders Group, Inc. has said it will stock the book, but not promote it in any way.

The *Washington Post* reports that the book will be repackaged with a 5,000 word introduction from the Goldman family explaining their reasons for publishing it. Denise Brown and members of the Goldman family have agreed to talk about publication of the book on "Oprah" on September 13.

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