



**Real Rape, Real Pain: Help for Women Sexually
Assaulted by Male Partners
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Sexual assault by an intimate partner, although common remains the most under-identified and underreported form of domestic violence and sexual assault. There is no book currently available that is focused exclusively on women who have been sexually assaulted by a partner. Because rape/sexual assault is still subject to public and judicial stereotypes of "real" rape, i.e. strangers in alleyways, and because partner rape is not perceived to be as

serious and traumatic as other kinds of rape, survivors often have difficulty finding information and getting support.

That has now changed! *Real Rape, Real Pain: Help for Women Sexually Assaulted by Male Partners*, is now available. Drawing on the experiences and voices of 30 survivors of marital/partner rape from Australia, North America Canada and the UK, it is a healing/resource book for survivors, supporters and professionals in the fields of counselling and advocacy internationally.

What people are saying about *Real Rape*:

Shelley McInnis, *The Canberra Times*, December 16, 2006: "...Gently encourages her along a healing path, challenging society's denial of the seriousness of her experiences, the ignorance and sexism of perpetrators and condoners of intimate violence, the negative self-talk which can result from this special kind of wounding...Should be welcomed as a worthy contribution to the literature on violence against women."

Dr Emma Williamson, Women's Aid UK, *SAFE: The Domestic Abuse Quarterly*, Summer 2006: "The authors of this excellent book, admirably achieve what they set out to...This is a book written by women for women. It is an excellent training tool for domestic violence workers to begin to understand the relationship between rape and domestic violence and invaluable to women dealing with rape as part of their experiences."

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