

## F O R I M M E D I A T E R E L E A S E

SHANNON MORONEY, author of the acclaimed best-selling memoir, THROUGH THE GLASS, will be speaking in Prince Albert, SK, at an event in honour of National Restorative Justice Week on **Monday, November 17th, 2014 at 10am**. Her presentation, “Through the Glass: One Woman’s Pursuit of Justice, Forgiveness, and Healing,” will lead the audience through her the ordeal of her husband’s arrest, trial and sentencing and offer **the seldom heard viewpoint of an offender’s spouse**.

In 2005, Shannon’s life was shattered by the sudden violent crimes of her newly-wed husband, Jason Staples. While she was away at a conference, a police officer arrived at her hotel room door with the news that Jason was in custody after calling 9-1-1 and confessing to the brutal sexual assault of two women customers at his workplace. He then kidnapped them to the home he shared with Shannon.

In the aftermath of these crimes, Shannon dealt with a heavy burden of grief, the stress and publicity of a major criminal investigation, and the painful stigma of **guilt-by-association**, all while attempting to understand what had made Jason turn to such violence.

THROUGH THE GLASS is an impassioned, harrowing and ultimately hopeful story of one woman's pursuit of justice, forgiveness and healing. In this intimate and gripping journey into prisons, courtrooms and the human heart, Shannon reveals the far-reaching impact of Jason's crimes, the agonizing choices faced by the loved ones of offenders and the implicit dangers of correctional systems and societies that prioritize punishment over rehabilitation, and victimhood over recovery.

Shannon currently lives in Toronto, where she is re-married and the mother of twins. She is involved with the community-based organization Leave Out Violence (LOVE) and the International Forgiveness Project. **She shares her story around the world.**

**To arrange an interview**, and for a review copy of THROUGH THE GLASS please contact Nicola Makoway [nmakoway@penguinrandomhouse.com](mailto:nmakoway@penguinrandomhouse.com) or Shannon Moroney [shannon@shannonmoroney.com](mailto:shannon@shannonmoroney.com)

For more information about National Restorative Justice Week and the one day conference in Prince Albert, please contact Lissa Dessureault at Urban Alternative Measures Program [\(306\) 953 – 7254](tel:(306)953-7254)

## P R A I S E F O R THROUGH THE GLASS

“A vivid, heartbreaking and eye-opening journey through the justice system that gives voice to the forgotten victims of crime—the families and friends of people who offend. Honest and timely, it is a must-read for the millions of Americans coping with the crimes and incarceration of a loved one, and for all those who want to understand their complex journey.”

—Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, Author of the international bestseller Dead Man Walking and Founder of Ministry Against the Death Penalty (USA)

"If you are going to read one book this year, let it be this one. You will never again forget, or take lightly, ALL the innocent victims of crimes."

—The London Free Press

“A compelling documentation of a flawed penal system [and] a nuanced look at the humanity of a violent criminal. Most of all, it’s a meditation on forgiveness.”

—Macleans

“A remarkable story... of love and betrayal, of a horribly broken man’s hidden brutality and his ex-wife’s boundless capacity to forgive.”

—National Post

"This is a well-written, emotion-filled book with many unanswered questions for society to deal with...it is a book that everyone should read."

—The Peterborough Examiner

"An engaging, compassionate story of a woman's quest for hope in the wake of trauma and violence."

—The Winnipeg Free Press

“A level-headed but passionate look at the journey on which [Moroney] was thrust after her husband’s crime.”

—Edmonton Journal

“Gripping and eye-opening. . . . A heart-wrenching story—written with great clarity—of grief, confusion, judgment, and loss.”

—Waterloo Chronicle

“This beautifully written book is a ‘must read’ for anyone interested in obtaining a full understanding of the manner in which crime affects us all.”

—Anthony N. Doob, Member of the Order of Canada and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, Professor Emeritus of Criminology (University of Toronto)

“What an incredible story, and what a gifted story teller Shannon is. Once you pick up this book, you won’t be able to put it down. Moreover, it is likely to challenge some firmly-held assumptions about sexual offending and about who is included among its victims.”

—Howard Zehr, Ph.D., American Criminologist and Co-Director of the Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice; Advisor to the US Sentencing Committee

“Shannon's book is a tour de force, heartfelt and passionate, with a journey that rivets from the first powerful opening sentence to the last. It is a journey that takes the reader through betrayal, violence and trauma; but more important, it is a journey of compassion and healing, of love and hope.”

—Jean-Paul Boudreau, Ph.D, Dean of Arts, Ryerson University, Toronto