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A Gift of Sunshine

New York Author Delves Into the Darkness of Child Abuse and Journey Back to Light

New York, September 1, 2009 - Every year thousands of children lose their innocence at the hands of a predator. Many of these predators are trusted family, friends and acquaintances. *A Gift of Sunshine* (Books By HHC, September 2009) explores a young girl's hardships and her journey to conquer the shame and doubt that occur as a result of unthinkable abuse by a trusted relative.

In her fourth self-published novel, *A Gift of Sunshine* (September 2009), author and playwright Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum introduces the reader to Nia, a young girl born to a drug-addicted mother. After her beloved Mama Francine (great grandmother) passes away, she and her siblings are torn apart and Nia and her brother Jerome are sent to live with an aunt and uncle they barely know. It is there in the confines of her Aunt Lovell and Uncle Whit's home that Nia and Jerome experience the torment, cruelty, and abuse that will shadow them throughout their lives.

Follow Nia in her journey through self-doubt and shame, until the day those clouds that followed her are transformed into "a gift of sunshine."

Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum is a longtime resident of Yonkers, NY. Her passion for writing and the strength she finds in family and community has allowed her to create riveting stories to reveal glaring truths of human nature. Hollinsworth Coaxum began writing her first novel in 2003, but it wasn't until 2008, after losing her son in the Iraq War, that she took the plunge and embarked on her new career as a novelist and playwright.

For interview opportunities or to receive a copy of the galley, please contact Sara Scipioni at Steve Allen Media at sara@steveallenmedia.com.

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