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Description:

Review *Kirkus Reviews* calls Berry "an engaging writer, her style fluid and easy to read, with welcome touches of humor and sustained tension throughout."

ForeWord Reviews says Berry's "prose is strong and her memory acute."

"Almost never is an interview subject so open or so candid about the most intimate details of the most horrible moments of her life. Daleen is a very brave women and I hope her story will help other girls and women . . . Daleen you are a magnificent storyteller." --Bob Edwards (Author of *Voice in the Box: My Life in Radio* and former host of NPR's *Morning Edition*)

"In *Sister of Silence*, author Daleen Berry gently guides us through the dark corridors of her life, so that we can emerge in the light, as she has courageously done, with a sense of hope, authenticity and courage. *Sister of Silence* is a brave book, written from the heart. It's a must read for the brave-

hearted." --Asra Q. Nomani (Author of *Standing Alone: An American Woman's Struggle for the Soul of Islam*)

"*Sister of Silence* is authentic, compelling and necessary." --Richard Currey (Author of *Fatal Light*)

"For marketing purposes, nothing better can happen to a book than having it banned. A banned book is a sure sign that you've done something very right." --Lee Maynard (Author of *Crum*)

"A dramatic memoir told in a matter-of-fact, yet strikingly compelling, manner." --Appalachian Heritage (Summer 2011 Issue)

From the Author Daleen Berry (1963-) was born in San Jose, California, but her parents kidnapped her and forced her to grow up instead in rural Preston County and in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. Since 1988 she has been an award-winning print journalist, columnist and editor who recently crossed over to write for online publications such as the *Daily Beast*, *xoJane* and *Huffington Post*. *Sister of Silence*, a memoir, is her first book.

In 2013, Ms. Berry was invited to give a TED talk based on her memoir. In 2006, an excerpt of *Sister of Silence* took first-place in the Appalachian Theme category at the West Virginia Writers' Competition, and was banned at Livermore High School in California and removed from library shelves as "Banned Book Week 2011" began. It has been featured at "Hope For the Future: Ending Domestic Violence In Families," hosted by the AIA (UC Berkeley), on the *Bob Edwards Show* (former host of NPR's *Morning Edition* and currently heard on Sirius XM Radio), and on *In A Word*, a literary show produced by TV30.

The author is a California native who grew up in Preston and Berkeley counties in West Virginia, and went to work at the *Preston County Journal*. Among her many awards was one in 1990, when she won a first-place award for investigative journalism. In 1997, she worked for *The Dominion Post*, covering welfare reform. Among her awards are two second-place honors for her 2007 weekly columns in the *Cumberland Times-News*, one of which was born from *Sister of Silence*. Berry's articles about Lashanda Armstrong, the mother who drove her van into the Hudson River in 2011, killing herself and three of her four children, appeared online at the *Daily Beast*.

Berry is simultaneously working on two other books: *Lethal Silence*, a nonfiction book that looks at case studies of families where domestic violence and/or filicide-suicide were a factor in the children's deaths, and *To Shatter the Silence*, the much-anticipated sequel to *Sister of Silence*.

Berry just finished *Cheatin' Ain't Easy*, a memoir about Eloise Morgan Milne, a petite dynamo who saved Preston County schoolchildren from abuse who has ties to the famous frontiersman Daniel Boone and Col. Morgan Morgan, the first white settler of West Virginia. She and Milne, who are co-authors, are seeking a publisher.

Berry regularly speaks at conferences around the country. After giving a TED talk entitled "Silence Isn't Golden--It's Red," she recently developed a curriculum to teach law enforcement officers and teachers how to watch for the common red flags of sexual abuse. You can learn more or follow her blog here: sisterofsilence.com.

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