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Rape Victim Recounts Trauma of Abortion in New Book

Enumclaw, WA — In a gripping personal account of pain and redemption, author Nicole W. Cooley offers a candid look at her rape as a young military officer by a trusted friend and the devastating emotional consequences of her decision to abort the child conceived during the attack.

“I felt that the abortion was like being raped again,” says Cooley. “Only this time, it was much worse because I had consented to the assault.”

Cooley is the author of *Into the Light: Rape, Abortion and the Truth that Set Me Free* (WinePress, 2007), which provides an intimate look at the trauma associated with abortion – even in the case of rape. “At the time of my abortion I believed that I didn’t have another choice. It’s devastating to believe you have to choose between your life and the life of your child – and then live with the aftermath of that decision.”

Into the Light is striking a chord with women who are victims of abuse and assault. “Every person who reads this book can connect with some part of Nicole’s story and learn as she did about God’s healing grace,” says Georgette Forney, Co-Founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. “I strongly recommend this book; it teaches us to have more compassion for one another and encourages us to face our traumas.”

Active in prolife ministries, Cooley is featured in the documentary *Choice of a Lifetime* produced by Focus on the Family in 2003. Her work with crisis pregnancy centers has included post abortion counseling as well as abstinence education.

“The bottom line is that abortion hurts women,” says Cooley. “I hope to give readers hope in the knowledge that just as God healed me, there is hope for them as well.”

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