

**Domestic Violence Topic Rises Above A Whisper**

“The Moments Between Dreams,” Being Called A Novel for Our Times

(OCTOBER 2022) – Imagine for a moment what it would be like to feel isolated, to feel unsafe in your own home, and to feel trapped all the time. Sadly, that’s something thousands of people in the United States live with every day.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported that about 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner. That's more than 12 million people (women and men)—based on survivors of abuse who were willing to share their stories.

According to New York Sun columnist Dean Karayanis, host of the History Author Show, Minnesota author Judith F. Brenner has written a novel that has the potential to save lives. Early on in “The Moments Between Dreams,” the protagonist, Carol, ponders why her dreams have gone off the rails. The narrator is vulnerable; the power dynamic unbalanced.

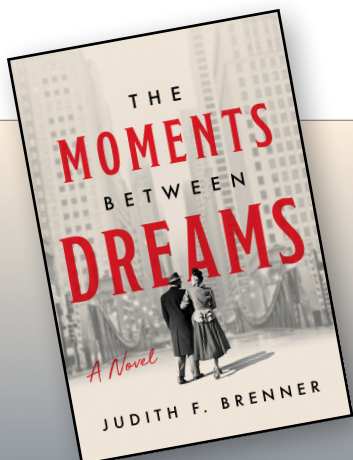
Carol’s daughter is hospitalized in isolation with polio, and her husband, Joe, slaps Carol over a minor disagreement, just as he is about to serve in WWII. When both return home, one disabled, the other with an anger management problem, chaos ensues until the hopeful ending.

The parallels between what the world has faced before and is facing right now are striking. “It is compelling to know that parents worry about the safety or lack of vaccines,” says Brenner. The story reveals an all-consuming apprehension that characterized the Polio virus in the 1940s, when some 60,000 children were infected, thousands died, and more than one-third were paralyzed. Poliomyelitis has emerged again today among unvaccinated.

“Worse, the cycle of domestic violence continues among families. While there are hotlines today compared to the 1950s, people may still feel trapped in unhealthy relationships. Some face poverty and must share custody of children with their abuser. Violent intimate partners might punish pets or children to get back at an ex,” she said.

Reviews that have come in for the book call it an important work of literature. “I couldn’t stop thinking about this powerful, well-written novel which brought me back in time. Brenner’s vivid storytelling through realistic characters reveals how women faced gut-wrenching struggles head on,” said Sunny Roller, a polio survivor and member of the Board of Directors for Post-Polio Health International. (Post-polio.org).

"This novel captures the true danger and courage exhibited by survivors when leaving or attempting to leave an abusive relationship," said Cheryl Kolb-Untinen, MS, who has engaged in domestic violence advocacy for almost 30 years.



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Geenleaf Book Group released *The Moments Between Dreams* in 2022. The book is available in paperback, eBook, and audiobook everywhere books are sold, and is currently in 87 libraries.

Learn more about the book and author at this website: <https://judithfbrenner.com>

### About the Author



*The Moments Between Dreams* is Judith F. Brenner's debut novel. She is a freelance journalist, and a book editor with her own company, Creative Lakes Media, LLC. She owns the national Sharpeners' Report and publishes related sharpening non-fiction books about how-to sharpen blades, from beauty tools to clipper blades.

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