



Honour and Shame: Breaking the Silence

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Xlibris. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. Hardcover. 158 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.5in. Lena an Australian Palestinian young woman got caught in a cultural web of honour and shame, imprisoned in a violent marriage, when she tried to escape, she suffered further abuse by the legal system. The thought of being abused scared me. I said to myself, No, I am not abused. Sami is just in a bad mood. He drank too much which affected his ability to perform and that must have upset him, thereby injuring his manhood. From that day on, slapping became a ritual and routine for him. I was slapped for lots or no sugar in the coffee, the breakfast ten seconds late or two seconds earlier than expected, and for the food being too warm or too cold. All of a sudden, I had a sharp pain in my chest, and I felt hard to breathe. Samis image threatening me passed in front of my eyes. I swallowed my words. I could not bring myself to say anymore. Fearing for my life, I had to tell Dad the truth. I told him what exactly happened right from the start, starting with the honeymoon...



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