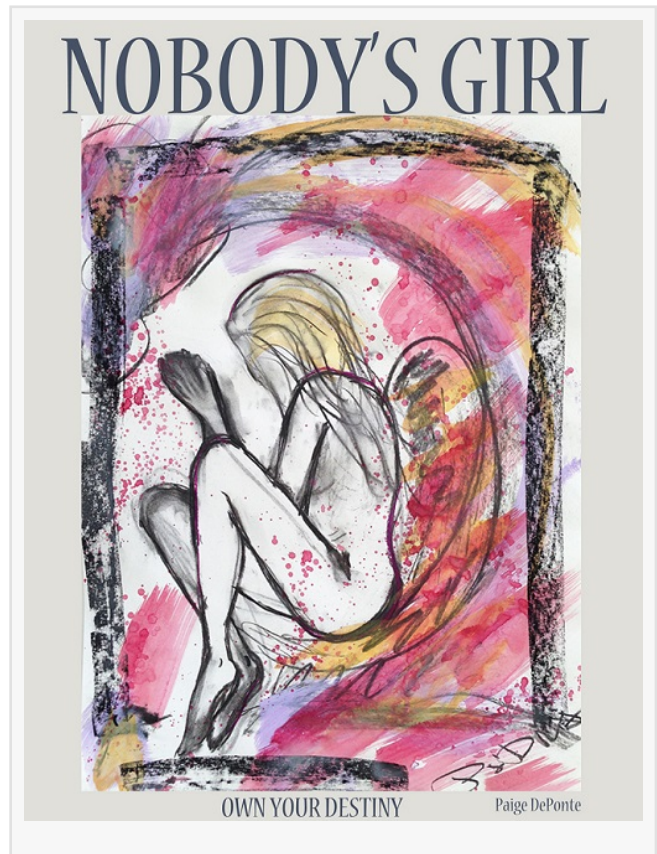


How Nobody's Girl Paige DePonte Became Somebody with a Story to Share

MALIBU, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, September 29, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The best children's stories begin with "once upon a time." But for the estimated 60 million reported survivors of child abuse, there is no happy ending, and although childhood came to an end, their memories keep them imprisoned in the past. Who is able to tell the story of those children? The ones who endure the emotional chaos of being a nobody in a family setting where love is expressed with punishing fists and words that sting are children who grow up with no affirming sense of self identity. They don't belong anywhere because they've been raised with the conviction that they don't deserve a welcoming home. For children who suffer abuse, their childhood never really ends because their minds can't escape their memories. The [Nobody's Girl Book & Art Exhibition](#) is fiction that tells the truth. The truth is the story of a woman who suffered childhood sexual abuse, physical defects, addiction, post-traumatic stress syndrome, punishment that masked itself as love, and the torment of self-doubt planted within by those who denied her the salvation of personal expression and confidence.



For far too many, the story ends there with no happy ending. But for Paige DePonte, who has turned the darkness of those years of heartbreak into a source of light for others, the saga has evolved into one of empowerment and self discovery that has taken her on a journey to 39 countries. Along the way, she found her creative identity and entered a multifaceted career in the arts; she mustered the strength to break the chains locking her to the past; and finally, she discovered her sense of self. Her latest destination is an [Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign](#) to raise \$75,000 by November 7 so that others can find their way to recovery. "With knowledge," DePonte promises, "we can change."

DePonte will use the crowdfunding donations to begin writing her memoir *Nobody's Girl* along with producing the accompanying collection of acrylic paintings to incorporate a visual element into the story. Crowdfunding will cover the costs of an office for her writing and studio space for her painting; painting supplies; shipping costs; editing; publishing and marketing costs; travel for the opening of the show and cost of the exhibit in New York City and Los Angeles; and the cost of the crowdfunding perks and shipping.

Your donation to the campaign can help to comfort those who need to learn that there's hope for them. Writing the story, and sharing the horrifying experiences, allows DePonte to give hope to readers who need to know that they are not alone. There's healing in the knowledge that they are not

to blame for the violence that engulfed them. Nobody's Girl takes on the challenge of entering the dark and lonely world where victims hide. DePonte says that the story reveals the path to recovery, and leads people on a journey, "back from anger, darkness, addiction, and chaos where they have been drowning."

The despair of that other life could have destroyed her. Instead, her survival transformed Paige DePonte into a compassionate multidisciplinary artist with a powerful [commitment to self expression](#) and a keen adherence to deadlines. The publisher of two books, she received an award for submitting one manuscript in record time. She has also directed an award-winning documentary. A completed screenplay that includes a portion of her story is catching the attention of film producers. A story that tells the truth is a happy ending for people who may not realize that a new story is only just beginning.

Nobody's Girl is sponsored by Fractured Atlas, a 501-3C nonprofit arts service organization. Thanks to Fractured Atlas, which is the largest fiscal sponsor of the arts in the United States, philanthropists and institutions who have dedicated resources to funding the arts find members of the creative community who need financial support. Fractured Atlas has raised more than \$8 million in more than 1,900 campaigns, and has been a supporter of Indiegogo campaigns since 2010.

About Paige Deponte

Multitalented author/writer/director/painter/photographer Paige DePonte (www.paigedeponte.com) utilizes a wide range of media to tell the stories of people who otherwise would have no voice. The awards she has won for her work testify to her eloquence in giving words to those who would otherwise not be heard. Deponte's goal is to empower people who, like her, have suffered the secret hells of abuse, addiction, and self doubt. Nobody's Girl is fiction, but its author lived the story and writes from her painful memories, reliving the suffering so that others can recognize the road to salvation from a fellow traveler.

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