

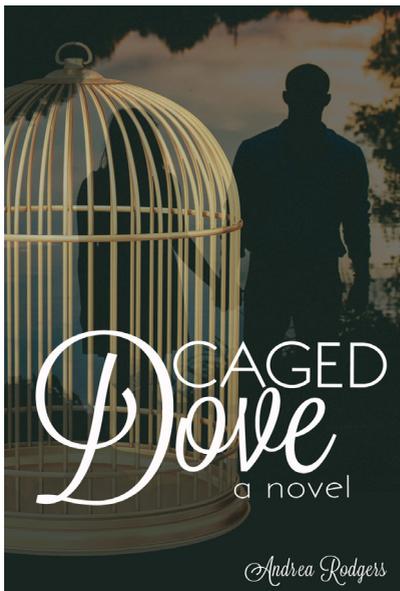


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POWERFUL NOVEL AIMS TO BRING ATTENTION TO "BULLYCIDE" AUTHOR'S REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE WOVEN THROUGH CAGED DOVE



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For immediate release: *Caged Dove* was not written without tears, says author Andrea Rodgers. Although the idea for the story has been floating in her mind for two decades, Rodgers says it took time to gather the courage to revisit those painful memories from her past. "Bullying and suicidal thoughts were something I once dealt with and overcame," she explains. "But I believe it's also our duty to stand up for those who are currently going through similar situations." *Caged Dove* (Ambassador International; October 2015; \$13.99, paperback) follows the story of journalist Aniston Kline assigned to cover a tragic story that echoes her own past.

While bullycide is a prominent theme in the novel, Rodgers continues her trademark style of writing about dark topics without being too dark, a skill seen with her first novel *The 20th Christmas*. Much of *Caged Dove* is a light-hearted love story. "If you ever had a high school crush than you can relate to the giddy and silly memories of the main characters," says Rodgers. "School crushes were a bright light for me. I kept one high school journal so it was fun to read to get back into that mind-frame!"

Caged Dove begins with Psalm 55:6, "I said, 'Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.'" The verse fits the novel's plot perfectly says Rodgers, whose faith was significantly strengthened during her own bullying experience. "It really helped to have the perspective that Jesus was bullied and therefore knew exactly what it was like and was on my side. Looking at what He'd endured, I had motivation to rise above my own situation," says Andrea who spent a year as an atheist. "But once I realized He was with me every single minute at school—I wasn't on my own, He was watching everything and would help me through it—life got amazingly better. I wore cross necklaces to school and, when the kids were mean, I'd hold on to the cross and feel Jesus standing beside me. He was not only my friend, but gave me the most strength I'd ever had."

About the Author: Andrea Rodgers is a graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in journalism and mass communication. She worked in the television and radio industry prior to being a stay at home mom, but her life-long dream was to be an author. A few months after her oldest child started kindergarten, she wrote her first published novel, *The 20th Christmas*. Her second book, *Caged Dove*, follows one year later. Andrea lives near Des Moines with her husband, son, and daughter.

To receive a review copy of *Caged Dove* or to connect with the author please contact publicist Alison Storm by email at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. What led you to write *Caged Dove*?
2. How did Psalm 55:6 inspire you in the writing process?
3. How did writing this book change you?
4. Although the idea for the book came to you years ago you put off writing it. Why is that?
5. What message do you want readers to walk away with?
6. How did your relationship with Christ help you through your personal bullying experience?
7. You have been described as a writer who manages to cover dark topics without being too dark. How did you do that with *Caged Dove* and the topics of bullying and suicide?

Endorsements:

At RemedyLIVE we see bullying as nothing more than terrorism. As a trend, it causes fear, self-doubt and violent torment while recruiting some to join the cycle of destruction to hurt those around them. *Caged Dove* reminds us all to love well and oppose this danger to human dignity.

– Rev. Clinton Faupel, Cofounder & Executive Director, RemedyLIVE.com

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