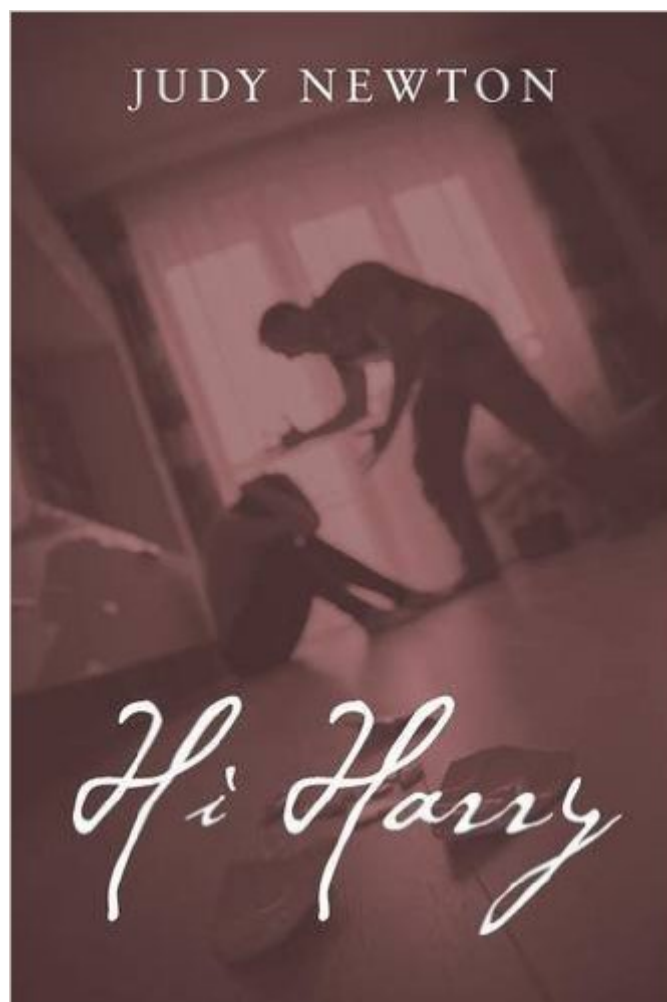


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# Hi Harry



## Synopsis

This is a true story comprised of a series of emails between me and a man in Belfast, N Ireland, and how Harry encouraged me to write about the 10 years I was married to an abusive man that nearly destroyed me. Alcohol turned my husband from a loving husband and father that I compared to a Dr. Jekyll figure, whom I loved, into the Mr. Hyde that I feared and couldn't protect myself and my children from until he destroyed every bit of the love I had for him. Before that happened, I was emotionally destroyed until I doubted my own self-worth and self-confidence. Finally, I knew the next time Mr. Hyde appeared, he would kill me. It took my love for my four children that gave me the strength and courage to lift myself up by my own bootstraps, with four loving rocks tied around my neck, to finally break free and make a new life for my children and myself.

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The memoir *Hi, Harry* has a special interest for me because it takes place in a town near where I grew up. The town is about thirty miles away as the crow flies (about 40 by driving), close enough we competed against them in sports and speech, but far enough that we didn't know the local gossip and the "Who's Who" of small town America. It is the story of a woman who fell in love, got married, had children, and did not live happily ever after. At least not until she got a divorce. More importantly, though, it is a textbook case of how domestic violence happens and why women stay. It has profound implications for how we think about domestic violence if we just pay attention.\* She witnessed her father abuse her mother, imprinting the association of violence with

marital passion.\* He witnessed his father abusing his mother and his stepmother and was also abused by his father and stepmother. He was emotionally neglected and abused.\* Her aunt and uncle and their friends normalized domestic violence as something to laugh about and joke about as part of the whole drinking and brawling routine.\* His family normalized domestic violence as well, even referring to the abuse and torture of his uncle's wife to the degree she was brain-damaged as finally getting her "retrained."\* When she sought help from the sheriff; he talked and joked around with her husband and then told her not to worry, it will all blow over.\* Her husband repeatedly reminder her that she can't go to the cops, because they are on his side.\* Her husband controlled her financially, taking her check and giving her just enough to put food on the table for the family, if she budgeted carefully.\* Her husband controlled her by threatening to take her children away.

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