

Readers are already raving about *Call Me Hope*, a powerful story about a young girl dealing with a verbally abusive mother:



"This beautiful, inspiring story should be read by mothers and daughters together. This captivating, healing novel brings extraordinary insight into the destructive emotional impact of verbal abuse for both mother and child. Together, with a promise and a pledge to one another, the gift of love is given."

—Ann S. Kelly, founder/executive director of Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project®

"As an adult living in a verbally abusive relationship, I wish I'd known the subtleties of this insidious behavior years ago. *Call Me Hope* is a gift of insight and strength for children of all ages. Readers will now be able to identify the signs of verbal abuse and either survive in its midst or leave its grasp."

—Anonymous verbal abuse victim

"*Call Me Hope* is a beautiful story that captures how devastating verbal abuse is to a child's heart, mind, and soul. It is also an inspirational story of empowerment in which young readers learn the importance of reaching out to others when faced with difficult issues, which helps them cope, survive, and thrive. I highly recommend it!"

—Trudy Ludwig, children's advocate and bestselling author of *My Secret Bully*, *Just Kidding*, and *Sorry!*

"*Call Me Hope* introduces young readers to an amazing girl named Hope. Children who do not live in abusive homes may find her clever and creative. Those who DO live with the constant threat of abuse will surely find her inspirational."

—Pat Stanislawski, executive director of the New Jersey Task force on Child Abuse and Neglect, former executive director of the National Center for Assault Prevention

"A sensitive, heartrending book about parental verbal abuse and Hope's way of coping. Compassionately shared insight ending with promise for those involved. This book will be rewarding when shared with classroom discussion groups."

—Neva Huff, former educator

"Gretchen does a wonderful job of writing a hard story. I read this book aloud to twenty-five female inmates in jail, and they were captivated, as was I."

—Karen Rogers, Yamhill County Correctional Facility administrator

"A bittersweet *must-read* for every adolescent child and a powerful 'read-aloud' for those even younger. Gretchen has hit on a topic that is often very hidden from the world... verbal abuse. A remarkable story... As an educator for more than 30 years, I'm thrilled to see this issue faced head-on."

—Chris Morris, kindergarten teacher

