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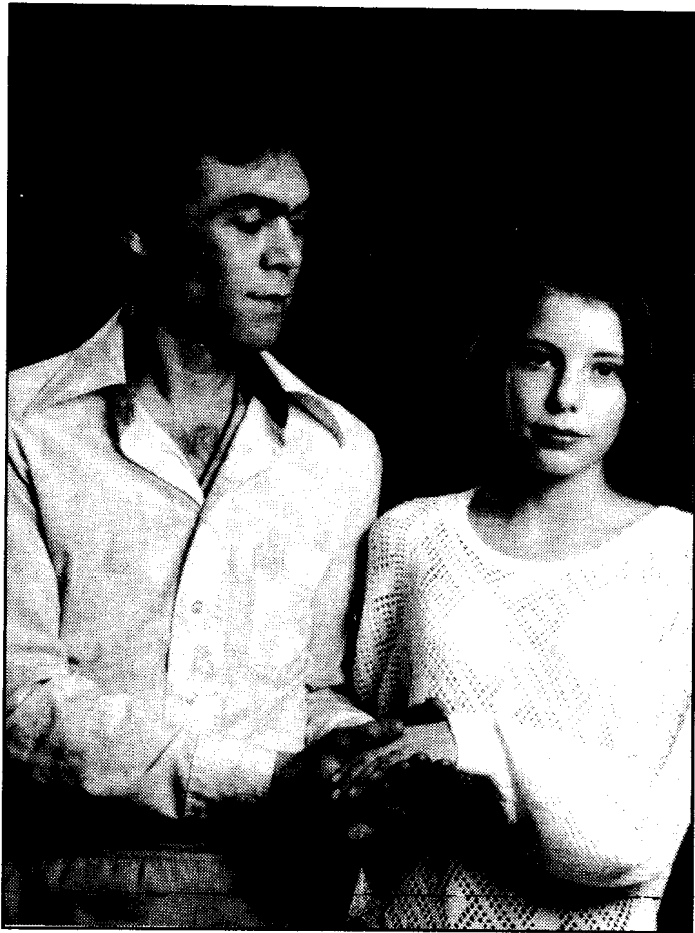
It was written by Rose Doiron, 32, an adult learner at the East End Literacy Project. Rose wrote this book for her mother, her aunt, her sisters, and her many friends. It was produced by volunteer tutors, learners and staff in the Project.

"If people read my story, maybe they will talk more about what it is like to get beat up," says Rose. "Maybe, someday, it will stop."

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We reproduce here an excerpt from the text and illustrations from the book.



My name is Rose.  
I live with my husband, Paul.  
We have been happy  
for many years.

But I still have bad dreams.

My dreams are about my Dad.  
When I was six,  
he beat me up  
with his belt buckle.



My Mum loved me.  
She tried to help me  
but when she did,  
he beat her up too.



In my dreams I say,  
“Don’t touch me!  
Leave me alone!”

Paul has to wake me up.



In the morning,  
the dreams are gone.

The cat jumps up on the bed.  
She likes to play.  
I have my own life now.

But my dreams are true.  
This is my story.