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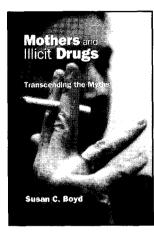
The hand comes down hard on his face tilted upward toward the half moon cut into the door of his grandmother's outhouse

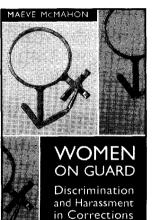
grandpa's hand is sweaty in the damp dark the way his arm flies up whips down moon light reminds him of moth wings cool air touches burning face

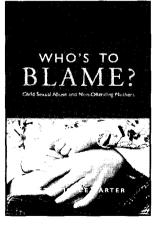
after supper grandpa smashes his big fist into the fridge door breaks her favourite plate grandma's eyes notice her grandson has that same heat rash the one he always gets

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