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### Description

CATHY CROWE ALWAYS wanted to be a nurse but she never planned to be a Street Nurse—a title she continues to use to evoke the horror of homelessness in a rich country like Canada. In *Dying For a Home* Crowe brings us the voices of ten homeless activists advocating for change. The word homeless conjures many stereotypes, but rarely does it suggest bravery, courage, charisma, or intelligence, qualities demonstrated by each of these determined individuals. Crowe gives us a chance to meet these extraordinary activists, many of whom have lived on the street for over a decade.

Crowe’s experience has taught her that the only thing homeless people have in common is being de-housed and forced to live in conditions of poverty. It is this first-hand experience with the disgrace of homelessness that turned her into a housing advocate and introduced her to the ten contributors to *Dying For a Home*.

### About the Author



CATHY CROWE has been a Street Nurse in downtown Toronto and has worked in the area of homelessness for over eighteen years. Along with colleagues she co-founded the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee (TDRC), which in 1998 declared homelessness a national disaster.

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