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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Teens who were fascinated by Michelle Knight's *Finding Me: A Decade of Darkness, a Life Reclaimed* (Weinstein, 2014) will eagerly read Berry and DeJesus's story of their kidnapping and 10-year ordeal with sociopath Ariel Castro. What is unique about the duos' memoir is the different experiences of the two young women held captive (along with Knight) in the same house, sometimes even chained to the same bed. There were years when they were unaware of each other's existence and years when they had limited to no contact. Berry, in particular, kept extensive diaries that are published here, giving readers keen insight into the daily routine in the house. While the girls were pitted against one another, the birth of Berry's baby (fathered by her captor) changed the dynamic in significant ways. Her feelings for Castro the rapist and Castro the loving father of her child brought confusion and anguish. DeJesus writes, "Jocelyn is the only happy person in this house, and I love her." Also unique is the fact that Berry escaped. The dramatic telling of her fear as she walked out of a room she had been conditioned to stay in, as well as her courageous rebellion against her captor is extraordinary. **VERDICT** An inside look at a horrific ordeal ripped from the headlines that will be devoured by teens.—Amy Cheney, Alameda County Library, CA

Review

### **Praise for *Hope: A Memoir of Survival in Cleveland***

"[C]ompulsively readable. . . . Berry and DeJesus's memoir sections are startlingly illuminating—and genuinely inspiring. It's astounding to read how the young women kept up their spirits and their hopes even while being held captive by a monstrously cold, self-pitying brute."

—**The Washington Post**

"[A] breathtaking accomplishment. What could have been a record of two victims who endure the unendurable at the hands of a monster, is, instead, the story of two young and frightened girls as they come of age and, against all odds, come to an understanding of themselves and their tormenter. They emerge from the house on Seymour Avenue with an insight and compassion that many adults never grasp."

—**The Cleveland Plain Dealer**

"*Hope* is riveting, chilling, powerful and unforgettable. From raw emotion to quiet determination, Berry and DeJesus show the world the strength of hope."

—**Deseret News**

"The bravery and resolve that Berry and DeJesus convey in this well-crafted memoir is both astonishing and inspiring"

—**Publishers Weekly**

"[A] compelling chronicle of Berry and DeJesus' harrowing experiences in captivity, told in their own words and in a journal that Berry kept on scraps of paper . . . . A nuanced testament to the complexity of the human spirit."

—**Kirkus Reviews**

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## About the Author

**Mary Jordan** and **Kevin Sullivan** are journalists for *The Washington Post* who write about national and foreign news. They are longtime foreign correspondents who have been based in Tokyo, Mexico City and London. Winners of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting, they are also the authors of *The Prison Angel: Mother Antonia's Journey from Beverly Hills to a Life of Service in a Mexican Jail*. They live in Washington, D.C., with their two children.

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