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Grandma's Love Conquers All

Moving novel proves that love is the best remedy for all diseases

Desosto, TX – (Release Date TBD) – The excruciating pain resulting from Sickle Cell Anemia is one dreadful experience too severe for one to overcome alone. Pouncing like a tiger to its prey while devouring its victim with its sharp claws and teeth, one cannot help but cry out defenseless. Witness how a grandmother's love alleviated her sick grandson's agony in this memorable novel inspired by author Skip Shockley's true-to-life story released through Xlibris, *Mother's Son*.

This passionate story tells of a young man's life – told from the heart and mind of his grandmother. A child born with Sickle Cell Anemia, his only remedy was his grandmother's potions and ointments along with her stories. Holding him gently as pain gripped his body, she told him stories of Post Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and the Civil rights Movement where a prince of peace flew over the mountaintop, and transformed himself into a black revolutionary.

Her most compelling story talks of a boy struggling through his pain by wandering the streets as the Black Panther. His struggle for identity took him to the brink of insanity—where he found himself—and emerged as a man who dedicated his life helping those who have fallen through the cracks of despair, drug abusers, and lost children who carry the psychological wounds of slavery.

This gripping part-memoir, part-fiction novel is a highly moving piece addressing to those who suffer from similar situations. For more information on *Mother's Son*, log on to www.Xlibris.com.

About the Author

Skip Shockley was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1947. After the death of his mother, his maternal grandmother brought him to Dallas. He suffers from Sickle Cell Anemia, a recessive disease inherited from Africa. He later turned to the streets of Dallas for comfort as a shrew negotiator by controlling a small marijuana trade. His arrest for marijuana possession could have brought him twenty-five years to life prison, but fate and the loving prayers of his grandmother saved him. In the early seventies, he joined the Texas Branch of the Black Panther Party, rising to leadership. Shockley graduated from El Centro College, and Texas Woman's University. He is a retired nurse, disease intervention specialist and health educator. Shockley lectures at local high schools and universities on HIV/AIDS Prevention and on the history of the Black Panther Party's social programs.

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