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## Blackout Girl: Growing Up and Drying Out in America

By Jennifer Storm

**One in five American teens has a problem with alcohol or drugs. Written in pitch-perfect prose, *Blackout Girl* is the terrifying, gut-wrenching—and, ultimately, inspiring—story of one of them.**

At age six, she stole sips of her mother's crème de menthe.

At twelve, in the throes of her first alcohol-induced blackout, she was raped.

By her junior year of high school she could not get through a day without booze, cocaine, and, eventually, crack.

By the time she was in her early twenties—malnourished, broke, and utterly without hope—she gave in to the pain, confusion, and heartache that drugs could no longer numb, slashed her wrists, and ended up in a psychiatric ward.

Today Jennifer Storm is alive and ten years sober. In her fresh memoir ***Blackout Girl: Growing Up and Drying Out in America*** (Hazelden Publishing; February 2008), she offers a raw look at the harrowing, hopeless world of addiction—through the eyes of a disillusioned, self-destructive teenager. In keen, heartbreaking detail, she recounts the trauma of growing up alone in a loving yet emotionally strained family—her father often blowing up in anger, her mother depressive and closed. She also recounts the confusion she felt as a young teen dealing with issues of sexual identity. Her story reveals the power of forgiveness in the path to a clean, dynamic life.

Despite almost unbelievable odds, Jennifer found a way to climb out of the hell of her addictions and create the life she had always deserved. As a spokesperson for victim's rights, she is dedicated to giving others hope for the future.

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