

ABSTRACT

CASEWORK

Casework is a collection of poems that deal with different experiences from my personal life. Each situation is its own casework whether it is my recollections of past memories or facing that past through encounters with troubled children, my brothers' lives and their experiences in the military and in the recent Iraq war. I continue the journey in narratives about the pains of an early pregnancy, life as a single mother and all the worries that ensue as a result. *Casework* is not just a reflection, but a synthesis of dark reality and hope.

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