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*Dawn Moore*

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*This book is for Karl.*

I worked with Karl for about six months while he was incarcerated in a treatment prison. He was awaiting deportation. Karl grew up in Canada, spoke only English, and never, for lots of reasons that don't really matter, became a Canadian citizen. He lived on the edge his whole life, grew up poor, dropped out of school, got busted (many times), and had an enduring heroin habit. He loved dogs and had bad headaches. Karl was terrified of his impending deportation. He feared going to a country where he couldn't speak the language, didn't know the street culture, had no one to trust and no one to cover his back. We fought Karl's deportation and lost. He was taken out of the country in the middle of the night and put on a plane to somewhere he hadn't been since he was an infant. One week after his plane landed, Karl was killed, beaten to death in a drug deal gone wrong. There was no one to tell about Karl's death except those of us at the prison. I guess we were the closest to family he had. That was the winter of 2001, the year I started researching this project. Karl has stayed with me ever since.

Karl's problem was never the smack, it was all the rules.