

Introducing

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## Nancy Ferraro

Beyond the titles, I'm a mother, a storyteller, and someone who truly understands the weight of planning for the unknown.



Nancy Ferraro is a former family court attorney turned fierce advocate for children with special needs and the families who raise them. As the author of *When the Bough Breaks*, a powerful memoir chronicling her journey raising a violently challenged, post-institutionalized child from Romania, Nancy sheds light on the raw reality of parenting through trauma, disability, and systemic gaps.

Through her lived experience navigating diagnoses like fetal alcohol syndrome, autism, reactive attachment disorder, and oppositional defiant disorder, Nancy became the advocate she wished she had.

Today, she speaks to audiences across the country—parents, educators, professionals, and policymakers on how to advocate fiercely, communicate effectively, and push back when the system falls short.

Nancy's message is clear and compelling: when we find our voice, we can change the future—not just for our children, but for ourselves.

# WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS

There was a time when I believed love alone could heal trauma. That belief was both my greatest strength and my hardest lesson.

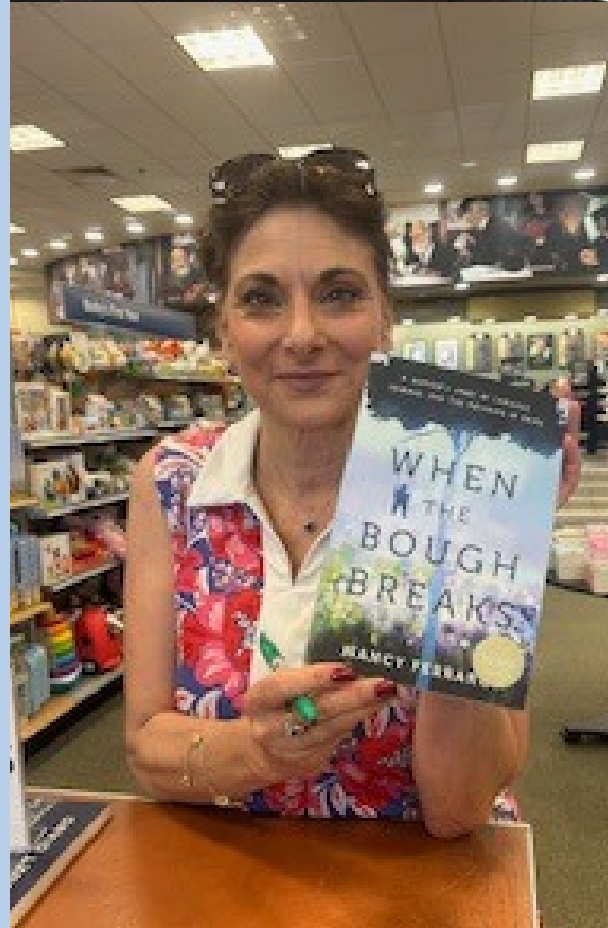
Years ago, I adopted a child from a Romanian orphanage, full of hope and conviction that I could give him the life he deserved. What I didn't know—what no one prepared me for—was the deep, invisible damage caused by early neglect, institutionalization, and fetal alcohol exposure. My son suffered from institutionally acquired autism, fetal alcohol syndrome, reactive attachment disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, and a low IQ. And as much as I loved him, I often found myself lost in a world that didn't know how to support children like mine—let alone the parents who were fighting to save them.

I wrote *When the Bough Breaks* as a raw and honest memoir about those years. About the violence, the heartbreak, the fear, and the isolation. But also about the grit, the advocacy, and the transformation that comes from standing in your truth—even when the world doesn't want to hear it.

Today, I speak to audiences not because I survived something hard, but because I learned how to rise from it. I speak because I want other parents to know they are not alone. I want professionals to understand the silent struggles families face. And I want every person to walk away knowing this:

You can advocate for your child. You must advocate for yourself. And even when the system seems too big or too broken, your voice can be louder than you think.

My WOW moment wasn't just surviving my son's childhood. It was realizing that our story could light a path for others in the dark.



# Here's what audiences have to say..

**YOU MADE ME SMILE WHEN I NEEDED IT:  
I'M WORKING ON SELF CARE AND THIS  
WAS A BIG KICK IN THE ASS THAT I  
NEEDED"**

**JESSICA C**

**" GREAT FOOD FOR  
THOUGHT. NEXT IS TO  
PUT THE INFO INTO  
ACTION."**

**ATTENDEE**

**"INFORMATIVE AND  
INSPIRING."**

**ATTENDEE**

**"SHE IS AWESOME - A TRUE SURVIVOR  
WHO IS A WARRIOR FOR OTHERS."**

**TAMI RABELLINO**



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