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For Immediate Release:

Synergy Press announces the publication of an historical novel, *Vienna Dolorosa*, by Mykola Dementiuk. *Vienna Dolorosa* is set in Vienna on March 12, 1938, the day Hitler "invades" or annexes Austria, and it features many of the people Hitler was trying to annihilate, including homosexuals, lesbians, Jews, prostitutes, and TGs, among others. Gruesome in places, funny in others, the story takes place in a hotel which doubles as a brothel and is run by a transvestite from Ukraine. Debauchery, violence, sex, perversion, and a little love are all there, with the author's voice singing through the mayhem.

Mykola deals with difficult topics for today's world: adolescent/child sexuality and relationships, cross-dressing, prostitution in a non-judgmental way; and he presents interesting debates about gay/straight and femininity/masculinity. In *Vienna Dolorosa* Mykola also tackles transvestism, Nazi brutality, urban decay, street survival, and other serious topics through both his narrative and his characters.

Mykola Dementiuk, a New Yorker whose life growing up in the city was portrayed in "Times Queer" and other chapbooks previously published by Synergy, attended St. George Ukrainian School and Columbia University in New York City. In between he collected images for his writing.

Though it was Mykola's storytelling that first kept me riveted two years ago, it was his fresh authentic voice that spoke to me so strongly that I decided to put aside my own writing and publish my first fiction in ten years. Working with Mykola, who is recovering from a serious stroke, has helped pull me out of the world of cancer and Lyme Disease into the working, living, sexual world again.

Enclosed is a flyer, additional biographical information, comments from readers, and a page of my favorite quotes from *Vienna Dolorosa*.

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