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For Immediate Release:

Synergy Press announces the publication of Mykola Dementiuk's *Times Queer*, a graphic, dark, coming-of-age story set in New York's infamous Times Square during the 1950's and 60's.

Introduced to sexual feelings at an early age, protagonist Richard Kozlovsky continues on a path shared by many children who have been touched in a sexual way by an adult ("molester"), a path of frequent masturbation, exhibitionism, and other precocious sexual behavior (considered so at least in our society today). Frequenting the Times Square movie theaters, Richard finds a way to supplement his meager existence (sometimes reminiscent of *Oliver Twist*), and later meets the woman who will introduce him to the world of women, intimacy, and love that he has not yet experienced. Ricky grows up in spite of his hard life in a Catholic school, in spite of teasing by his classmates, in spite of trying to survive on the streets of Manhattan with sexual predators at every turn. In between he questions his sexuality: is he a faggot? is he a whore? where does he fit in?

Although this story is written from a male perspective, women may recognize themselves or someone they know. Women may also gain some insight into how a testosterone-laden person thinks and feels -- strongly, sensitively, but often without the communication or intimacy skills to express these feelings. In this way, author Mykola Dementiuk speaks for many men.

Sexual counselor Sally Miller provides some insight into the story in the afterword.

*Times Queer* is first in a series of chapbooks by Mykola Dementiuk to be published by Synergy Press in 2006. Look for *Baby Doll* in the spring!

96 pages, saddle-stitched, 21 chapters. \$15 postpaid  
\$10 when ordered with any other Synergy book.

Ebook is \$6 and has many pictures of places mentioned in the story.

Books can be ordered by phone, mail, or email.