



# Innocent

## New Memoir Tells the Truth about Welfare

*Innocent: Confessions of a Welfare Mother* by B. Morrison is the first book to examine welfare stereotypes from the inside and give a true story of the forces arrayed against a woman in poverty. *Innocent* tells why the author went on welfare, what she learned there, and how she got out.

Morrison uses her experiences as a welfare recipient to illuminate a system that demonizes poor people and to explore what actually works to help families escape from poverty. *Innocent* offers a powerful personal narrative on important social issues. Part coming-of-age story and part immersion in a foreign culture, this book puts a human face on poverty.

### Praise for Innocent

"(This) book is a wonderful and moving testimony to the strength and power of women as individuals and as sisters, to change themselves and their worlds."

— Marita Golden, author of *After, Migrations of the Heart: An Autobiography*, and *Saving Our Sons: Raising Black Children in a Turbulent World*

"*Innocent* challenges the welfare stereotype and in so doing, exposes readers to the stories, struggles, and small mercies of life as a welfare recipient."

— Girija Sankar in *JMWW*

### About the Author

B. Morrison is currently working on a novel about her years on welfare. Her poetry collection, *Here at Least*, is available from Cottey House Press. She has won multiple awards and has been published in magazines such as *The Sun*, *Sin Fronteras*, *Scribble*, and *Tiny Lights*. She conducts writing workshops and participates in numerous social networks related to books and writing.

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