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“Heartfelt and forthright... this memoir is conciliatory, and fortunately for us, ultimately hopeful... Sexton’s shame and helplessness give way eventually and admirably to redemption and forgiveness.” —San Francisco Chronicle

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## **Brandeis University and NAMI GB-CAN Boston present:**

Author Linda Gray Sexton and *Half In Love: Surviving the Legacy of Suicide*.

A Reading and discussion will be hosted by Professor Dawn Skorczewski, Dir. of University Writing/English

**Thursday, March 1**

Levine-Ross Conference Room

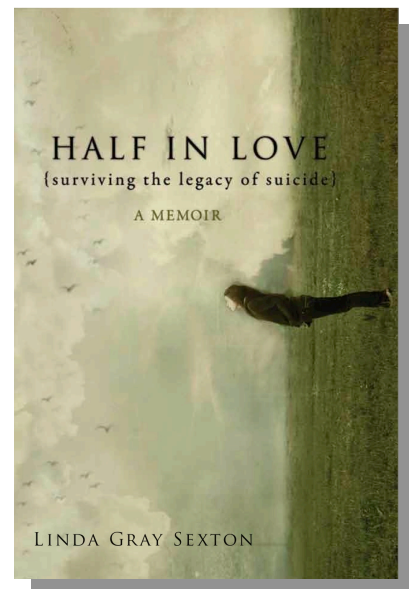
Hassenfeld Conference Center

Brandeis University

415 S. Street

Waltham, MA 02453

**4:00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.**



### **ABOUT THE BOOK:**

As the daughter of Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Anne Sexton, Linda Sexton witnessed her mother’s multiple—and ultimately successful—suicide attempts, which led her to struggle with an engulfing undertow of depression. In *Half In Love*, Sexton conveys with powerful and unsparing prose her urgent need to escape the legacy of suicide that consumed her family—a topic rarely explored, even today, in such poignant depth.

Unlike her mother’s story, Linda’s is ultimately one of triumph. Through the help of family, therapy, and medicine, she confronts deep-seated issues and curbs the haunting cycle of suicide she once seemed destined to inherit.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Linda Gray Sexton is the author of several novels as well as two critically acclaimed memoirs about her life and relationship with her mother, *Searching for Mercy Street: My Journey Back To My Mother*, and her most recent work, *Half in Love: Surviving the Legacy of Suicide*. Linda Sexton speaks about suicide, depression, and recovery at support groups, hospitals, and medical centers around the country. For more info, visit <http://www.lindagraysextton.com/>