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**October is Down syndrome Awareness Month.
A memoir about one mother's struggle,
SUN SHINE DOWN,
Releases with [T. S. Poetry Press](#) just in time**

CHICAGO, Illinois (August 21, 2013) – What if? What if you dreamed of having a beautiful child and in your mind you saw the life you'd share with that child. First steps, little league (or ballet). Maybe the child would play piano or make you proud on the Honor Roll. There'd be eventual graduations, college, even marriage and grandchildren. You might dream it out that far. Or not. Every parent has hopes. No parents wish for pain—their own, or a child's.

Then you had a premature delivery in a foreign country. And the words swirling around you said a different kind of "what if." What if something was wrong? The dream was at risk—or so it seemed. Would you be ready for that? Could you make peace? Or would it take you down?

These are the questions author Gillian Marchenko faced as she woke up after an emergency C-section in Ukraine. Only her newborn child could answer them, in time. But first she had to find a way to hear more than the words "Down syndrome."

400,000 individuals live with Down syndrome today in America. T. S. Poetry Press, publisher of **three-time Oprah Selection *The Whipping Club***, releases a **memoir just in time for Down syndrome Awareness month.**

"Stunning memoir. A must-read for parents of children with special needs, but anyone would do well to immerse themselves in Marchenko's story."

—Suzanne Kamata, editor of the anthology *Love You to Pieces: Creative Writers on Raising a Child with Special Needs*

SUN SHINE DOWN will be released September 2013, by T. S. Poetry Press, and will be available on Amazon and major online retailers, as well as through Ingram (by late October).

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gillian Marchenko is an experienced writer and national speaker who lives in Chicago with her husband Sergei and four daughters. Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including *Chicago Parent*, *Thriving Family*, *Gifted for Leadership*, *Literary Mama*, *Today's Christian Woman*, *MomSense Magazine*, *Charlottesville Family*, *EFCA Today*, and the *Tri-City Record*. She also is the Vice President of GiGi's Playhouse Chicago, a Down syndrome Achievement Center. Gillian claims the world is full of people who seem to have it all together. She speaks for the rest of us.

Learn more about Gillian at www.gillianmarchenko.com

ABOUT THE PUBLISHER

T. S. Poetry Press is an award-winning publisher that publishes poetry, fiction, and literary non-fiction. The press works to bring beautiful work to light and is proud to have been recognized with a three-time Oprah selection of one of its fiction titles. For interview opportunities or more information about the new release *SUN SHINE DOWN*, contact T. S. Poetry Press at editor@tspoetry.com

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