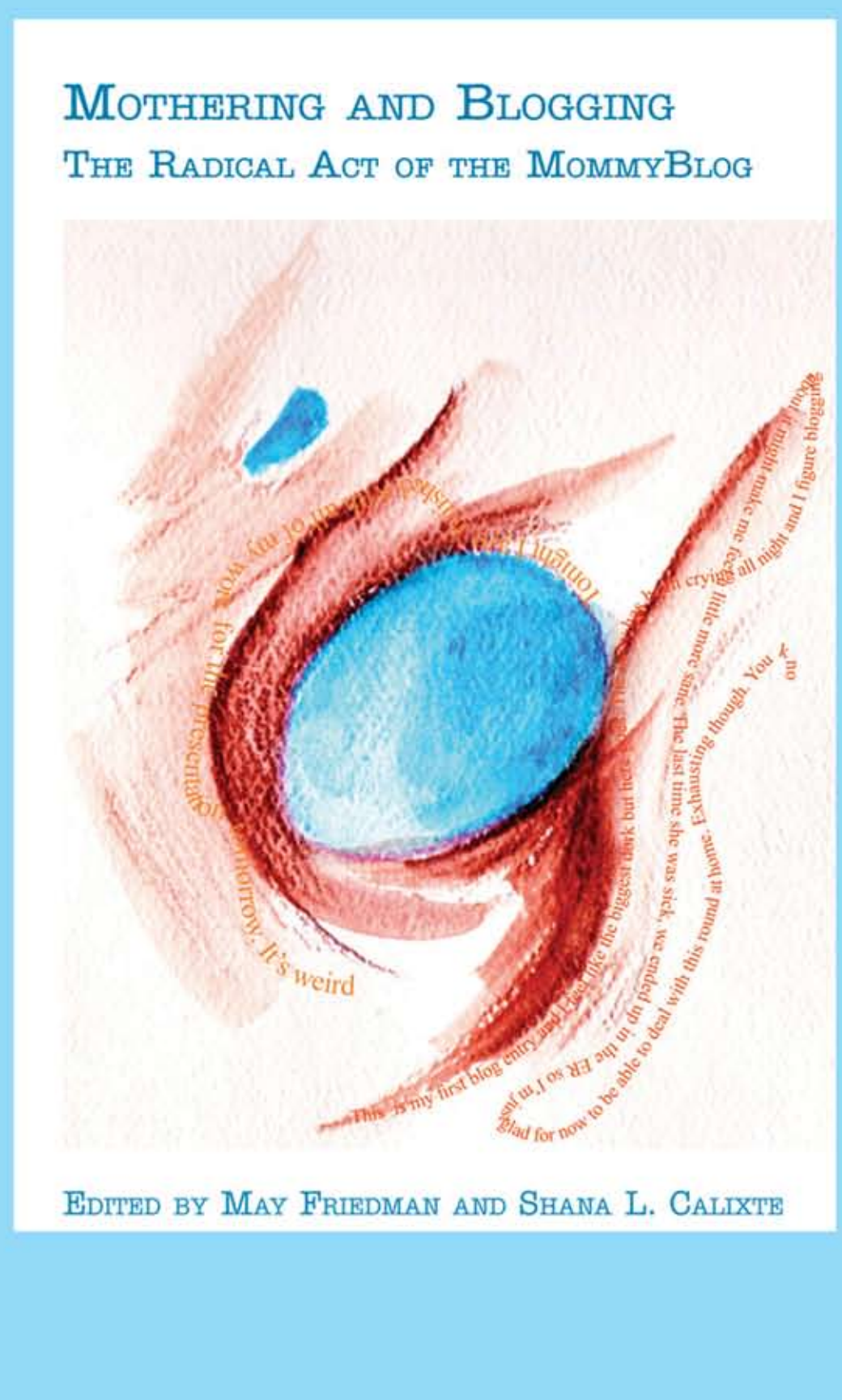
BOOK LAUNCH!



Mothering and Blogging
The Radical Act of the MommyBlog

May Friedman and Shana L. Calixte, editors

At the 2005 BlogHer conference writer and mommy-blogger Alice Bradley (finslippy.com) responded to criticisms that mommyblogging was solipsistic and self-indulgent by stating that "Mommyblogging is a "radical act." This collection seeks to interrogate this emergent genre in all its contradiction and complexity, looking equally at the ways that mommy-blogs benefit some mothers while relegating others to the margins. Most importantly, however, this collection sheds light on a growing and overwhelming site of maternal narrative where many mothers are able to take on the "radical act" of speaking for themselves.

May Friedman lives in downtown Toronto with her partner and delicious kids, Molly and Noah. She is a devoted reader of mommyblogs, a skill she hopes to put to good use in her forthcmoming dissertation on the topic When she's not surfing the web, May can be seen juggling parenthood, academic work and social work at both York and Ryerson Universities.

Shana L. Calixte is a Ph.D candidate in the School of Women's Studies at York University and a sessional lecturer in the Department of Women's Studies at Laurentian University. Her current academic work is focused on examining the histories of Caribbbean Girl Guide associations, girlhood, sexuality, and HIV/AIDS education. She is also reconnecting with her love of Hip Hop music, and has recently taught a course entitled: "Theorizing Hip Hop Feminisms: Race, Gender and Sexuality." She lives with her partner and son, Dré, in Sudbury.

DEMETER PRESS invites you to join editors, May Friedman and Shana Calixte to celebrate the publication of their new book.

Friday, February 26, 2010
7pm
Toronto Women's Bookstore
73 Harbord Avenue, Toronto
(Harbord/Spadina)

for more information: mayf@yorku.ca

www.yorku.ca/arm

DEMETER