

REVIEWS  
Nancy Knowles  
*A Gift of Madness*

*"I was inspired by the humor, the colorful approach...the beauty of Nancy's voice, and the human element so unabashedly conveyed in all its sorrow, resilience, and unflinching truth"*

—ER

"A tour-de-force. One vignette after another—each pithy, purposeful, feisty, genuine. Story, passion, reflection and visual poetry. Raw. Playful. Language, patterns of all sorts. A handwoven festival of compassion, human insight." —JK

"Amazing command of the stage...fabulous performance!" —EP

"It was remarkable. I was moved to both tears and laughter." —SM

"The brilliant, imaginative, eloquent, tragic, comic, beautiful, sexy, and insane Nancy Knowles in a stunningly honest performance connecting Nancy with her mother and her past and providing therapy for all through her revelation of her own truth." —JR

"Sheer poetic genius. And incredibly brave." —MS

"Your words are music, powerful and strong. It's a true gift. In sharing your life of love, grief, hope, madness, you give your audience a time and place to experience our own love, grief, hope, madness." —NK

"A stunning show. Beautiful. Nancy was brilliant!" —PK

"You were THERE.  
You are fabulous, amazing and real." —MB

"Wonderful beyond measure." —CF

"Incredible grace and perseverance..." —NK

"We were moved and awed by the presentation and by the hugeness of your talent. Looking forward to seeing you use this life experience and gorgeous piece of art to help other people dealing with trauma." —JM

"[a] great achievement of transcending tragedy and turning it all into love—brilliant!" —AN

"It's wonderful, it's elegant...I'm learning from it in ways I hadn't imagined." —MG

"It's a terrific show. Unimaginable labor of love. Epic. It meant a lot to me. I am in total awe—a huge, huge accomplishment. A tour-de-force." —MJ

"The way you brought the edge of madness to the stage was really brilliant...using your art to work through the madness, which is what your mother was doing with [her] painting." —CD

"Brava! What a fantastic job!!! Amazing accomplishment. Proud to know you." —JH

"Heartwarming, heartwrenching, jocular, shocking. I cried." —EV

"Beautiful work; beautiful woman.  
So glad to witness this birth. The most powerful moment: Nin wrestling with Ma's pain after losing her second child—words perfectly distilled, action slow but crippling. Spot on." —MH

"Fabulous play, as I knew it would be!" —AT