

ROBERT MEEROPOL



Executive Director, Rosenberg Fund for Children

Robert Meeropol is the younger son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg. In 1953, when he was six years old, the United States Government executed his parents for "conspiring to steal the secret of the atomic bomb."

For thirty years he has been a progressive activist, author and public speaker. In the 1970's he and his brother, Michael, successfully sued the FBI and CIA to force the release of 300,000 previously secret documents about their parents. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in Anthropology from the University of Michigan, graduated law school in 1985, and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar.

In 1990, after leaving private practice, Robert founded the Rosenberg Fund for Children and now serves as its Executive Director. The RFC provides for the educational and emotional needs of both targeted activist youth and children in this country whose parents have been harassed, injured, jailed, lost jobs or died in the course of their progressive activities. In its 15-year history, the Fund has awarded more than \$2 million in grants to benefit hundreds of children.

Robert's memoir, AN EXECUTION IN THE FAMILY was published by St. Martin's Press on the 50th anniversary of his parents' executions. The book details his odyssey from Rosenberg son to political activist and leader of the Rosenberg Fund for Children.

Robert is also a founding Board Member of Murder Victims' Families for Human Rights. MVFHR is an organization of murder victims' family members and family members of the executed who are opposed to killing in all cases whether it be homicide, state killing, or extrajudicial killings and "disappearances."

LECTURE INFORMATION

Each year Robert Meeropol shares his powerful message with audiences at dozens of universities, community centers, literary festivals, bookstores and other venues across the country. All speaking fees are donated to the Rosenberg Fund for Children, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation.

Presentations include ample time for questions from the audience. Topics typically include: his parents' case; the death penalty; the prison industrial complex; the Bush administration's war on the Constitution; and the work of the Rosenberg Fund for Children. In conjunction with major events, Meeropol is also pleased to visit classrooms or meet with small groups in more informal settings. At the conclusion of each program, Robert Meeropol is available to sign copies of AN EXECUTION IN THE FAMILY.

To schedule an appearance by Robert Meeropol or for more information about the Fund please contact Amber Black at the Rosenberg Fund for Children: amber@rfc.org or (413) 529-0063 x 203.