ROBERT MEEROPOL, Massachusetts Son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, executed by the U.S. Government (in New York) in 1953

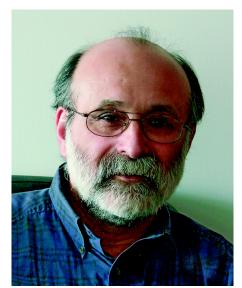
Robert Meeropol was 3 years old when his parents were arrested and 6 years old when they were executed for "conspiring to steal the secret of the atom bomb."

An attorney and long-time activist, Robert founded the Rosenberg Fund for Children in 1990 to provide support to children of parents who have been harassed, jailed, or otherwise targeted for their progressive beliefs. He is the author of the book *An Execution in the Family* and has spoken against the death penalty throughout the United States and in Puerto Rico and Japan.

"As far as I know, no one has studied how the execution of an immediate family member impacts children. We don't even know how many children have an immediate family member on death row in the United States today. Worse, we don't know the effect that having a parent executed will have upon their impressionable lives, and the cost society may pay for that impact. As far as I can tell, no one has bothered to study this even though these children are all innocent victims of the state's efforts to kill their loved ones."

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Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, circa 1942