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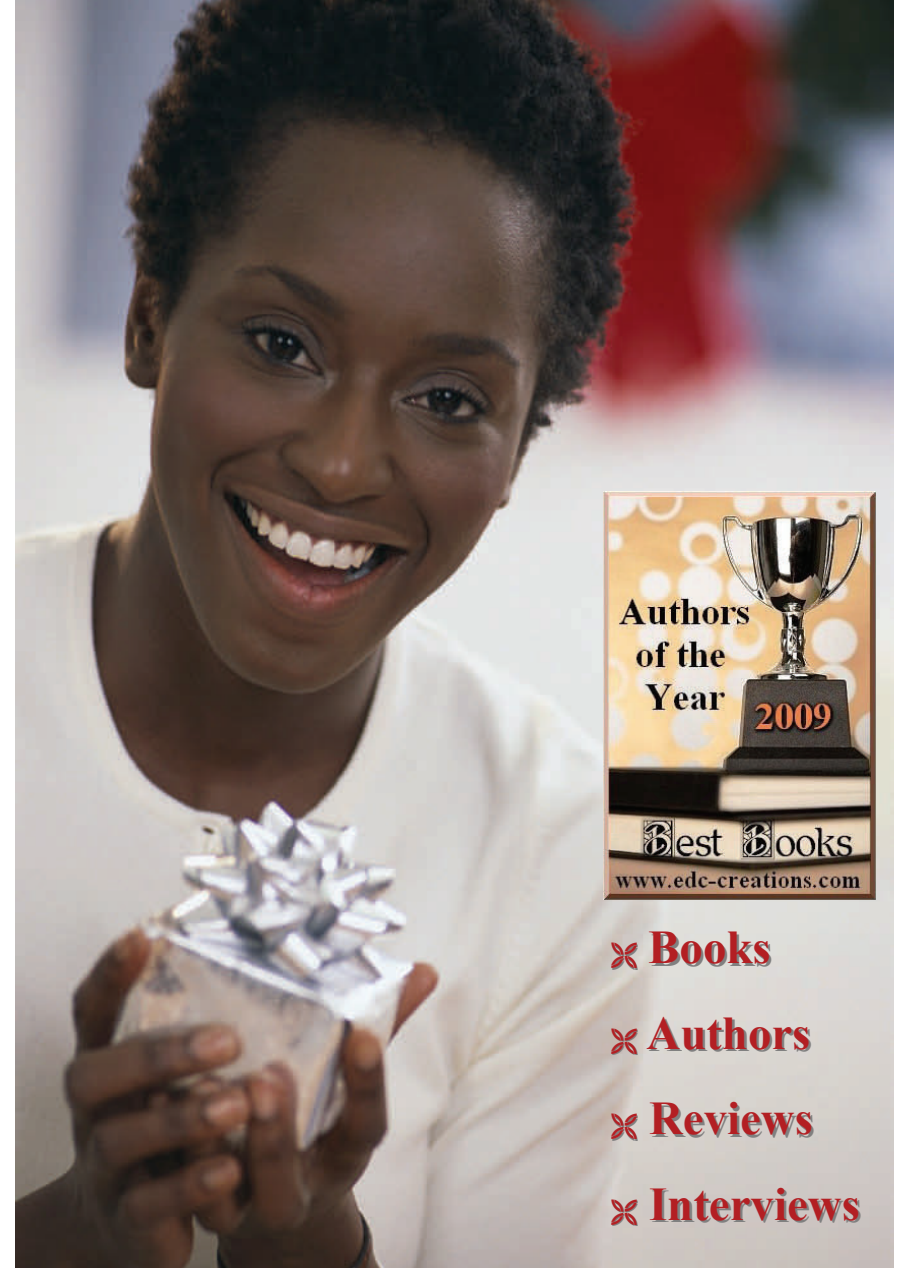
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Ella Curry

Sneak Peek: Who Is He To You (con't)

She hated the image that stared back at her while looking in the mirror. She hated it so much, that she tried to avoid her reflection at all times. She kept her head down when passing mirrors. It felt natural to avoid pictures and to hide her face whenever possible. God had cursed her with her looks. He damned her to a life of misery and pain -- at the hands of her own father.

"I know you love me, Daddy. I just wish that you didn't."

He stood slowly, letting the tears fall freely down his face and forced himself to walk out of the room with slow, measured strides. He had won the battle for that night. But the following night he was defeated yet again. ###

Meet new author **Monique D. Mensah**

Monique D. Mensah is a native Detroitier with an innate love for the written word. Her talent for writing was first discovered by her third grade teacher when she declared her dream to become a published author. After earning a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan she completed her first manuscript, *Who Is He To You*.

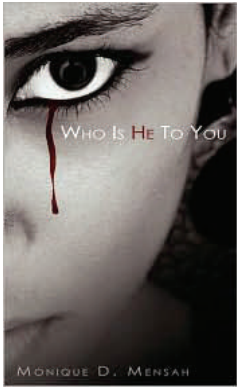


Shortly after, she launched Kisa Publishing and published her debut novel. Monique now resides in Southfield, MI where she is raising her daughter and working full-time as an enrollment counselor for a private university. She is also a freelance copywriter and copyeditor and is currently working on her second novel.

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Sneak Peek: Who Is He To You



Who Is He To You by Monique D. Mensah

ISBN-13: 9780578023489

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Simone, Jessica, and Ryan are all fighting for love. But when love involves incest, self-mutilation, drug-addiction, and murder, will they continue fighting or will they escape before it's too late? Experience their emotional journey through to the shocking end where they will experience injury, imprisonment, and death while crafting new lives from the ashes of their ruination.

Chapter 1 Excerpt:

Setting up the scene: Simone is lying in her bed in the middle of the night, anticipating her father's arrival. She prays every night for the Lord to take her life, but He never answers her prayers. When her father enters the room, he tries to explain his feelings and rationalize his desire to have sex with his fourteen year-old daughter. This excerpt explains some of Simone's thoughts as she witnesses his internal battle to leave her alone.

Simone remained silent. Tears ran rapidly from her eyes. She knew that he loved her. She read it in his eyes every time he looked at her. She heard it in his voice and felt it in his touch. There was no doubt that he loved her. He was in love with her. She listened as he continued his attempt to justify the sick actions and irrational feelings he had for his 14-year old daughter with the word "love." Love. What was love anyway?

She thought she knew at one time, but if this was love, she wanted no part of it. Love was pain. Her father was in love with her because she was the most beautiful creature he had ever laid eyes on. Her body had developed into that of a beautiful young woman, sparking a lust in his eyes. He constantly told her how gorgeous she was and she hated it. (continue>)

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Ella D. Curry is the owner of EDC Creations, a marketing and branding firm, a radio show producer, marketing director, Internet publicist and pro-active literary advocate.

She is also the founder of **Sankofa Literary Society** which empowers independent and/or self-published authors through mentoring programs, Internet workshops, marketing and brand coaching. The Sankofa Literary Society sponsors the popular, award winning **Black Authors Network** radio program which offers new authors a chance to showcase their books. BAN radio is more than a talk show, it's a movement!

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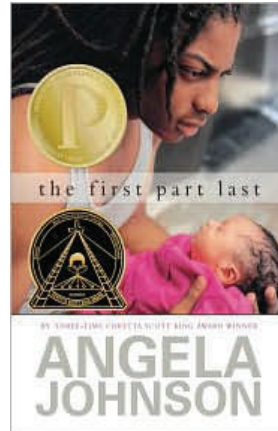
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The First Part Last by Angela Johnson

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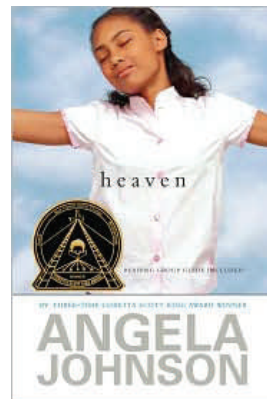
Bobby is your classic urban teenaged boy — impulsive, eager, restless. On his sixteenth birthday he gets some news from his girlfriend, Nia, that changes his life forever. She's pregnant. Bobby's going to be a father.

Suddenly things like school and house parties and hanging with friends no longer seem important as they're replaced by visits to Nia's obstetrician and a social worker who says that the only way for Nia and Bobby to lead a normal life is to put their baby up for adoption.

**Heaven by Angela Johnson**

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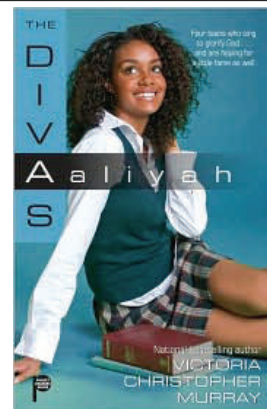
At fourteen, Marley knows she has Momma's hands and Pops's love for ice cream, that her brother doesn't get on her nerves too much, and that Uncle Jack is a big mystery. But Marley doesn't know all she thinks she does, because she doesn't know the truth. And when the truth comes down with the rain one stormy summer afternoon, it changes everything. It turns Momma and Pops into liars. It makes her brother a stranger and Uncle Jack an even bigger mystery.

**Aaliyah by Victoria Christopher Murray**

ISBN-13: 9781416563518

The Divine Divas are going big-time -- to the finals of the Glory 2 God Teen Talent Search. They're just one big win away from a recording contract, and then...well, watch out, gospel music!

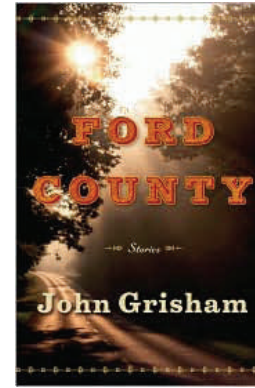
When Diamond first thought up the Divine Divas, Aaliyah wasn't sure this was her thing. She loves singing, and everyone says her voice is pretty fine, but since Aaliyah is planning on Harvard and a degree in nuclear physics, winning a recording contract could actually put a crimp in her dreams.

**Ford County by John Grisham**

ISBN-13: 9780385532457

John Grisham returns to Ford County, Mississippi, the setting of his immensely popular first novel, *A Time to Kill*.

This wholly surprising collection of stories reminds us once again why Grisham is America's favorite storyteller.

**The Door of No Return**

by Sarah Mussi

ISBN-13: 9781416968252

Zac Baxter's grandfather has always told him that he's the descendant of African kings, whose treasure was stolen when his ancestors were sold into slavery.

Of course, Zac brushes this off as a tall tale — until his grandfather is murdered and their apartment is completely ransacked. Clearly somebody is after something.

Heeding his grandfather's dying words, Zac is off to Ghana to track down his family's history. But what did his grandfather mean when he said that Zac had the map to the treasure?

Following every clue he can find, Zac begins to suspect that the treasure is real, and hidden in one of Ghana's old slave forts.

Too bad the killers always seem to be one step ahead of him. With no one he can trust and with everything to lose, Zac races against time as he tries to uncover the truth about the past — and a fortune in gold.



Unmasked: The Final Years of Michael Jackson

by Ian Halperin

In late December 2008, Ian Halperin told the world that Michael Jackson had only six months to live. His investigations into Jackson's failing health made headlines around the globe. Six months later, the King of Pop was dead.

Whatever the final autopsy results reveal, it was greed that killed Michael Jackson. Friends and associates paint a tragic picture of the last years and days of his life as Jackson made desperate attempts to prepare for the planned concert series at London's O2 Arena in July 2009. These shows would have earned millions for the singer and his entourage, but he could never have completed them, not mentally, and not physically. Michael knew it and his advisors knew it. Anyone who caught even a fleeting glimpse of the frail old man hiding beneath the costumes and cosmetics would have understood that the London tour was madness. Why did it happen this way?



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The World Is Mine by Lyah B. LeFlore

DL Warfield (Illustrator) Teen Lit.

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One shot. One try. One chance.

Blue Reynolds has it all: money, brains, style, charisma and the hunger to be more than what his parents have planned for him. He's a dreamer on a mission to become the world's next music business mogul. But for now he'll settle for being the youngest, hottest party promoter around...and the man on the arm of the fly and sassy Jade Taylor.

Coming up is never easy. These two dreamers will have to put everything on the line and do whatever it takes to succeed. It's the new American dream, and the sky's the limit. All they need is one shot.



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Give the Gift of Knowledge

EDC Creations, The Sankofa Literary Society and The Black Authors Network announced the launch of their 2009-2010 "Give the Gift of Knowledge Campaign," bringing readers and authors together to help improve literacy. In 2004, during the Christmas holidays, Ella Curry, the founder of EDC Creations, reached out to women's groups and literary organizations to help promote early literacy by giving new books to children from low income homes.

Today, the "Give the Gift of Knowledge Campaign," seeks to expand even further! "Based on the "each one teach one," model, our goal is to help people introduce reading and new books to their family and friends," says CEO and founder of EDC creations, Ella Curry. "Instead of giving expensive gifts that don't shape lives----let's "Give the Gift of Knowledge" and help to strengthen and uplift our future generations!"

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Phenomenal Women Book Club

Phenomenal Women Book Club began in October 2007 with a meet and greet. The president Makeda Peterson decided to assemble friends, family, and church members as a way to express opinions on books and for entertainment. We read our first book in the November 2007. Phenomenal Women Book Club is a book club for ladies of color and now has 30 members who are dedicated readers.

We range in age from 23-67 years old, which gives us a broader variety of opinions on books. Our meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 3:00pm and are usually held in members' homes and restaurants.

We read different genres and the hostess of the month picks the book title or decides how a title will be chosen. We usually choose titles 3 months prior to the month of the meeting. Most of our members are from the greater New Orleans area, but we now have 2 members who commute from nearby Mississippi.

Phenomenal Women Book Club has also started a nonprofit in order to do more for our community with helping students, literacy, and putting books in the hands of people in our community. Makeda Peterson is a New Orleans native, avid reader, wife, mother of three and pursuing a career in writing.

Reach out to the Phenomenal Women Book Club President Makeda Peterson

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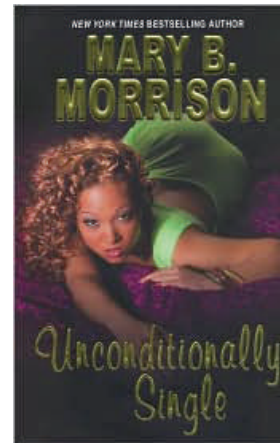


Songs of Deliverance

by Marilyn Griffith
ISBN-13: 9780800732790

Fifteen years ago, Zeely Wilkins and Ron Jenkins were students the school district stopped believing in. Lucky for them, their teacher knew something the principal didn't; they were cream of the crop but they just hadn't sprouted the way people expected.

Though they went their separate ways, the past is calling them back to the school and the teacher who wouldn't give up on them. Now they'll have to decide what love really means—and whether they're willing to dance to a new tune to get it. But can they rediscover the songs of deliverance that once brought them together? Or will secrets keep them apart?



Unconditionally Single

by Mary B. Morrison
ISBN-13: 9780758215178

New York Times bestselling author Mary B. Morrison thrills readers with another riveting tale featuring beloved heroine Honey Thomas. This time, Honey goes into hiding to save her life—and fights to keep past enemies from destroying the future she so desperately wants...

Honey Thomas once made her living as a tough-talking prostitute and madam, but those days are long gone. Now, Honey runs a counseling center she founded in Atlanta that helps women like her get off the streets. But no matter how fast Honey runs, she never seems to break free from her demons.

How much more must she lose before she finally finds some peace? Like a cat, Honey Thomas seems to have nine lives, and she's used up just about every last one of them.

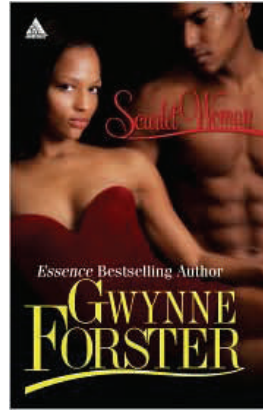
Scarlet Woman by Gwynne Forster

ISBN-13: 9780373831692

In Maryland, sixty-eight years old wealthy genius Prescott Rodgers asks the local school to send him a student to read the classics to him. Prescott suffers from dyslexia, but no pupil wanted anything to do with an old man.

High school English teacher Melinda Jones, feeling sorry for the senior citizen, starts coming over two to three times a week to read to him. After awhile, Prescott offers Melinda a marriage of convenience, which she accepts. They marry in his lawyers office and she soon becomes known as a gold digger.

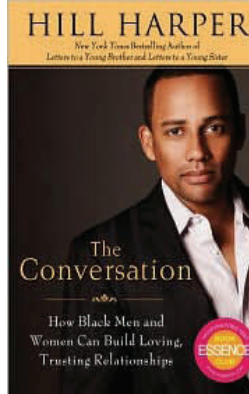
A contemporary marriage of convenience starring a SCARLET WOMAN may seem like a stretch to modern romance fans, but talented Gwynne Forster makes it plausible through her strong characters. —Harriet Klausner, BN Reader Review

**Play the Game by Doug Dixon**

ISBN-13: 9780758213594

When Mya LeVeaux discovers that her ex-boyfriend is engaged—and her own father, Bishop Franklyn LeVeaux, is performing the marriage ceremony—there's only one thing to relieve her pain: shopping. And since Mya is new to Atlanta, a couple of new friends wouldn't hurt either—which is exactly what she finds attached to a pair of burgundy boots...

Childhood pals Stephanie Hall and Tangie Jackson are on their weekly girls' day out at the mall. After a brief tug-of-war over a sexy pair of boots with Mya, the three discover they have more in common than their taste in footwear. Now that Mya has her girls in her life, things are about to change, as each woman deals with the game of love in her own special way—for better or for worse...

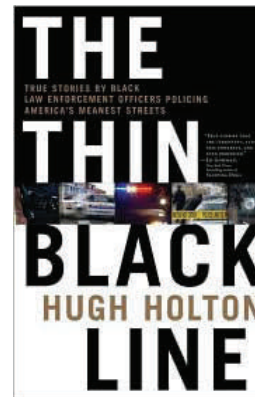
**The Conversation: How Black Men and Women Can Build Loving, Trusting Relationships**

by Hill Harper

ISBN-13: 9781592404759

In his first book for adults, New York Times bestselling author Hill Harper invites you to join the Conversation: an honest dialogue about the breakdown of African-American relationships. For generations African Americans have turned to their families in times of need – but now, this proud and strong legacy is in peril.

Black men and women have stopped communicating effectively and it threatens the very relationships and marriages necessary to sustain the Black family. Today, less than a third of Black children are being raised in two-parent households, a sharp decline from past generations. So, why is it so difficult for Black men and women to build long-term, loving and mutually beneficial relationships? What is happening in the community that makes it so hard for women and men to find their way to each other? And why are there so few people who manage to hold a marriage together, even after finding a person to love?



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The Thin Black Line by Hugh Holton

A nonfiction collection of the exploits and accomplishments of African American law enforcement officers.

Biography

Police Lieutenant HUGH HOLTON was a twenty-nine year veteran of the Chicago Police Department. He wrote several bestselling novels, including, *Time of the Assassins*, *The Left Hand of God*, and *Violent Crimes*.

At the time of his death, Hugh Holton was the highest ranking active police officer writing novels in America.

Meet Author Pamela Samuels Young

Pamela Samuels Young is the Essence best-selling author of *Murder on the Down Low*, *In Firm Pursuit*, *Every Reasonable Doubt* and the forthcoming *Buying Time*. The former journalist and Compton native is the fiction writing expert for BizyMoms.com and is on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Chapter of Mystery Writers of America.



Ella: Tell us about your passion for writing.

I definitely have a passion for writing. Nothing else could explain my willingness to sit in front of my computer for ten hours a day or my eagerness to rise at four in the morning to write before going to work. I enjoy creating characters and putting them in precarious situations. I want readers to get wrapped up in the mysteries I create, to love, hate and root for my characters, and to close each book and feel as if they got their money's worth.

Ella: Finish this sentence: My writing offers the following legacy to future readers...

I want to help destroy the publishing industry's belief that only African American readers will read stories with African American characters. People who love mysteries want a compelling story. My primary goal is to write entertaining thrillers with diverse characters and a storyline that keeps readers turning the page.

Ella: Share with us your latest news or upcoming book releases.

I'm extremely excited about the upcoming release of my fourth legal thriller and first stand-alone novel, *Buying Time*, which goes on sale all across America on November 1, 2009.

Ella: How may the readers contact you and purchase your books.

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