

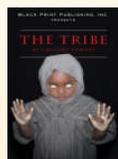
SUMMER FUN

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

It's June and summertime is here! Things have been busy on the literary front with new authors and loads of information. Hopefully life has been treating all of you well and keeping you in good health. Take care of yourselves this summer, have lots of fun and look out for the hurricanes!

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH ...

GREGORY TOWNES • THE TRIBE



Out with the old ... in with the new! The Tribe was recently picked up by another publishing company, in addition to The Ides of March! Stay tuned for more information on Gregory soon. Congrats Greg!

ENRICO THEOC • WILLING TO LIVE



Enrico was a featured author in the Florida Author's Extravaganza held in Boynton Beach, FL. Look for his upcoming novel "All I Got Is You" coming soon!

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LINDA WATTLEY • DADDY'S GIRL



Look for Linda at the Indianapolis Book Fest on June 17-18, 2006! Daddy's Girl is doing well in the stores. If you haven't got your copy, order today! Catch her on All Things Literary on June 30!

ISBN: 0-9776649-0-2 • \$14.95

PITTERSHAWN PALMER • WORDS ... LOVING EMOTIONS



Look for Pittershawn at the Indianapolis Book Fest on June 17-18. She's a featured poet! You don't want to miss her in action!

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LATONYA WILLIAMS • MAKE YOU LOVE ME



Congrats to Latonya for an awesome book release party held in Orlando, FL in May. Look for her upcoming tour in a city near you!

ISBN: 1893196348 • \$14.95

MONICA ANDERSON • WHEN A SISTAH'S FED UP



Congrats to Monica for making the Essence Bestseller List in May! Do your thing sis! Monica has also been VERY busy on her tour. She's been to DC/Maryland and New York, wowing her fans. Look for Monica in Carolina on July 8th, and her signings later in the year in Atlanta, Chicago and Minneapolis.

WE WELCOME...

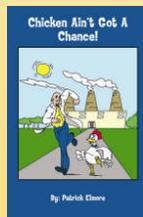
MARCUS A. PARKER • THE PRODUCT



Read the story of a young man who lost it all in his disobedience and regained it with the wisdom from the man up above. Re-released on June 1, this Dallas Morning News bestselling author has been slated for a television show this upcoming fall entitled The Product Hour. Look for his upcoming soundtrack as well.

ISBN: 09776649-2-9

PATRICK ELMORE • CHICKEN AIN'T GOT A CHANCE



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YOLANDA TUCKER • BLESSED BEYOND BELIEF



Read the inspirational testimony of how one young lady overcame the struggles of child molestation, abandonment, abuse, depression, drug use, an STD, dropping out of high school, teen pregnancy & domestic violence. You'll count your blessings and realize how far faith can take you.

ISBN: 0-9754715-1-1

KIM ROBINSON • ROUX IN THE GUMBO



Congrats to Kim! This awesome story was re-released under Neshee Publication, in addition to her being nominated for a CushCity award. If you haven't read it ... what are you waiting for? Check her out at the Dallas Merge Expo 2006 on June 17-18, 2006.

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JUNE 2	Tim Hampton, Author
JUNE 9	Gregory Townes, author of The Tribe Joy Farrington, Nubian Literary Network
JUNE 16	Joy King, author of Dirty Little Secrets
JUNE 23	Lisa Rogers-Cherry, author
JUNE 30	Linda Wattley, author of Daddy's Girl

July Lineup

JULY 7	Enrico Theoc, author of Willing To Live
JULY 14	Various authors – Crimes of Passion anthology
JULY 21	TBD
JULY 28	Yolanda tucker, author of Blessed Beyond Belief

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ON THE BRINK

Introducing ...Joy King

Joy King was born in Toledo, Ohio and raised in California, Maryland, and North Carolina respectfully, attending North Carolina Central University (NCCU) and Pace University where she majored in journalism. Emerging onto the entertainment scene in the late 90's, Joy accepted an internship position and immediately began to work her way up the ranks at The Terrie Williams Agency. She ended up working hands on with Johnnie Cochran, The Essence Awards, The Essence Music Festival, The NBA Player's Association, Moët & Chandon, and several other entertainment executives and celebrities.



In 1999, Joy attended the Lee Strasburg Theater Institute before accepting the job as Director of Hip Hop Artist Relations at Click Radio, where she developed segments featuring the biggest names in Hip Hop. Ms. King pushed her department to new levels by producing an outlet that placed hip hop in the forefront of the cyber world.

Dirty Little Secrets is loosely based on Ms. King's own life experiences. Ms. King introduces the character **Tyler Blake** and delivers a page turning tale of the various trials, tribulations, and triumphs that the heroine has gone through.

Nothing prepares Tyler Blake for the fast-paced living of New York City. A small-town girl from Georgia, she quickly gets caught up in the glamorous entertainment industry. While in pursuit of her dream to become an actress, Tyler gets sidetracked by men who promise they really want to help her and finds herself going from one dysfunctional relationship to another. Just when Tyler finally believes she has found her ideal man, in hip-hop producer Brian McCall, everything begins to go horribly wrong. Trapped in a nightmarish relationship, Tyler is determined that she isn't going down without a fight.

"I was engrossed in the story, and so hungry for the drama, that I had to keep from glancing over at the next page. Not only was this a riveting, sexy tale, but there were many lessons to be learned, page after page. The saddest thing about *Dirty Little Secrets* was that it had to end."

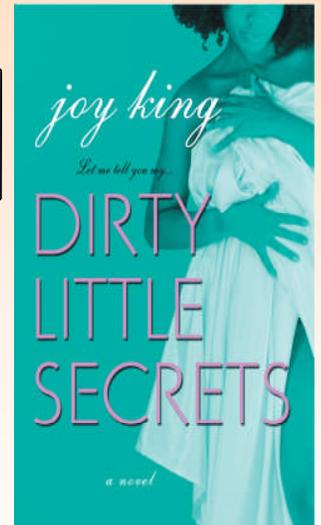
-**Trista Russell**, bestselling author of *Going Broke* and *Fly on the Wall*

"A true roller-coaster ride for the heart and mind...Honest and real."

-**Maryann Reid**, author of *Marry Your Baby Daddy* and *Use Me or Lose Me*

"I read it and couldn't put it down. Joy's an excellent writer. I'm looking forward to more of her writing from not only Joy, but her aliases as well. Look out literary world ... there's a hot new writer in town!"

- **Belinda Williams**, *Literary Lifestyle*



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UP CLOSE WITH...TYMIRA MACK



Tymira Mack
Author of *The List*

Can you tell us a little bit about your book?

The book is called *THE LIST. Every Girl Has a Story That She Must Someday Be Woman Enough to Tell*. And while it's true that everyone does have a story, how many are brave enough to tell? In *THE LIST*, I offer readers a voyeuristic look inside my conscious as I made numerous errors in judgment while simply being what I considered a "normal" teen. The book takes readers on a 10 year journey (between the age of 14 and 24), allowing them to travel with me through almost every conceivable emotion – lust, pride, envy, deception, and abuse – until my life ends up spinning out of control. In the end readers hopefully come away with the same feeling that I had when I was forced to face the harsh reality that eventually "you really do reap what you sow." What's also exciting is the fact that as a bonus, I've included two separate sets of discussion questions, for both teens and adults, to facilitate lively discussions among youth groups, book clubs and sister circles, and church ministries.

What propelled you to choose this particular topic?

The LIST was ultimately born out of my decision to be obedient to God. Because of my extremely promiscuous past, and the consequences that I faced due to that destructive behavior, I felt compelled to encourage teens and young women to practice abstinence. In 2003, I began researching abstinence curricula in my spare time and ended up getting formally trained to teach two of them. As I began teaching those curricula, I found that many of the activities didn't effectively "speak to" the urban kids that I was encountering. Thus, I'd often find myself modifying the curricula's activities. And then at 2:00 am one morning, God awoke me and told me that I was being hypocritical because I already had an effective curriculum. I remember thinking, "huh?" God then gave me the stern instruction to go out and teach teens based on the numerous mistakes that I'd made in my life. At first, I was reluctant to do as he had instructed; but, the first time that I decided to be obedient, "keep it real," and make myself totally transparent, the reception that I got from the teens was overwhelming. Soon after, I was encouraged to chronicle my life experiences in a book so that my testimony could reach a larger number of teens.

Do you use a pen name? Why or why not?

No I don't use a pen name because when God gave me the assignment to go out and "teach teens using my life" I knew I didn't have the luxury of remaining anonymous. Besides, the first time that I ever shared 'my story' with a group of teens, I was surprised by two things: how receptive and non-judgmental they were, and how incredibly free I felt afterwards! From that point on, I understood the reason behind God's instruction; people are more apt to connect with your message, when they feel the sincerity of your personal testimony.

Do any of your characters parallel your life?

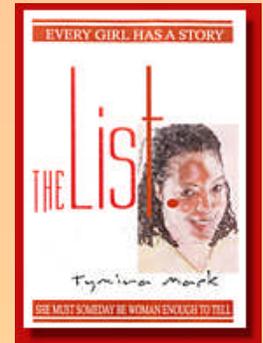
99% of the book is actually autobiographical, it's just written in a fictional page-turner format. Because the intent of the book is to focus on the consequences of my own mistakes, except for myself and my parents, everyone else in the book has been given a pseudonym because of my desire to protect their identities.

Tell us about yourself.

In my past, I was perhaps the ultimate master of wearing a mask. My "public" face was that of a teen and later young woman who'd achieved an impressive "list" of educational and professional accomplishments. However, my "secret" face was that of a confused, angry, vengeful and reckless young woman who'd amassed a "list" of shameful indiscretions that were wearing on my soul. I describe myself back then as "an honor roll student by day and a weed smoking hoochie by night." Through a very tumultuous journey, I learned to recognize GOD's voice and my life has never been the same. Today, I simply consider myself "the girl next door who made it off the block but still likes to keep it real." Now, I'm a 38-year old wife and mother of three kids who's finally had the courage to take off the mask. Every day I get excited about the opportunity that I've been given to make a difference in the lives of others by candidly sharing my story.

Can we get a sneak peek into your next project?

My next project is actually the sequel to *The LIST* and picks up where that book ends. Entitled *The Love AFFAIR*® the book chronicles the painfully enlightening lessons that God has taught me about marriage, fidelity and unconditional love.



Set for publication in September 2006, readers who enjoyed *The LIST* will be equally pleased that *The Love AFFAIR*® is written in my signature "Keeping It Real" format.

Via my non-profit organization, Positive Choices, I've also begun a nationwide Teen & Young Women's Empowerment Conference Tour. The conference, called D.I.V.A.S (Daughters of Integrity, Virtue and Spirituality) Keepin' It Real™, features a number of women, including myself, who have been freed to boldly share their phenomenal testimonies of tragedy and triumph.

In your writings, are you focusing on achieving a specific purpose?

Absolutely! I consider my writing a ministry and as such, I strive to have all my work inspire people to live a life that is pleasing to God. Although inspired by Christ, my work is decidedly contemporary, is non-judgmental, and is aimed at meeting people where they are. The main message of my work is for people to come away understanding that no matter what dark secrets their past may or may not include - the truth is, "we're all x-somethings", but through Christ everyone has an opportunity for new life.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I'd just like to thank Literary Lifestyle and so many others for supporting the book. And would like to remind everyone that no matter what immoral, embarrassing or undesirable things we've done in our lives, every day through grace, God grants us new opportunities to place a period on the end of our "lists" and start anew.

Check out her website at www.tymack.com

Literary News

Essence Bestsellers List
 (How many have you read?)

Fiction—Hardcover

1. In Sheep's Clothing—Mary Monroe
2. So You Call Yourself a Man—Carl Weber
3. Changing Faces—Kimberla Lawson Roby
4. The Interruption of Everything—Terry McMillan
5. Baby Brother's Blues—Pearl Cleage
6. Video Cowboys—Yolanda Joe
7. 72 Hour Hold—Bebe Moore Campbell
8. Nothing Ever Felt Like This—Mary B. Morrison
9. Sex, Lies, Murder, Fame—Lolita Files
10. Nowhere is a Place—Bernice McFadden

Fiction—Paperback

1. Candy Licker—Noire
2. Keisha—Darrell Debrew
3. Dutch II: Angel's Revenge
4. I'm Still Wifey—Kiki Swinson
5. G-Spot—Noire
6. The Coldest Winter Ever—Sister Souljah
7. Married to the Game—Chunichi
8. Nasty—Rahsaan Ali
9. Grown Folks Business—Victoria Christopher Murray
10. The Known World—Edward P. Jones

Look what the stork
 brought in!!!



Literary Lifestyle's got a new addition!
 Congrats to Arielle Lashai Lawhorn on her new
 baby girl!

At last printing, Joy Farrington still hadn't dropped
 that baby, but he's here now! Congrats Joy!

Best wishes to both mommies!

New Releases....

- I Say A Little Prayer—E. Lynn Harris
 The Fever—A novel by Dark
 Don't Make a Black Woman Take Off
 Her Earrings—Tyler Perry
 Blossom—Queen Pen
 Letters to a Young Brother—Hill Harper
 The Product—Marcus A. Parker

Upcoming Events

- Indianapolis Book Fest
 June 16-17, 2006
 Indianapolis, IN
- Faith Based Fiction Lovers Conference
 June 30—July 2
 Durham, North Carolina
- Black Writers Reunion and Conference
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 Dallas, TX
- Harlem Book Fair
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We strive to gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of all the African American writers, authors, poets and black literature to form a bond as a group and become a networking source within.

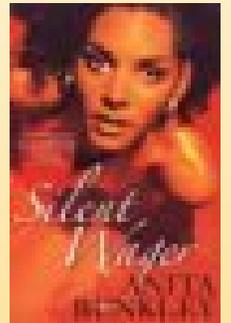
REVIEWS YOU CAN USE....

Silent Wager by Anita Bunkley

ISBN: 0758212453

Book Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

Preserving a legacy. That's what Max Granville is desperately trying to do after his family's home turned restaurant sustains a huge amount of damage after a hurricane. Problem is, he's allowed the insurance policy to lapse and can't afford the repairs. His wife, Camille, is devastated. Although she fully supports him, she feels betrayed ... again. Although they have reconciled, Camille can't help but remember; choosing to forgive, but definitely not forget. Add to the mix a spoiled, unruly college-bound daughter whose main focus in life is one thing – herself.



Just when Max has given up all hope of recovering from his losses, a shrewd investor turns up and lends a helping hand. Max is elated, not realizing that his helping hand has also turned into the hand that deals a fatal blow. As Max and Camille embark on a Hawaiian cruise, everything is perfect – the business is doing well, they are getting along with their daughter, and life is good. When a fire breaks out on the ship, everyone is thought to have been saved, but unfortunately, Max doesn't make it. Stunned and reeling from this tragedy, Camille and her daughter make amends and find themselves fighting for the one thing that will forever keep Max's memory alive....

Bunkley does a wonderful job of weaving this storyline. With true-to-life characterizations and the right mix of deceit and betrayal, readers will consistently keep turning the pages to the very end. Unexpected twists and turns add excitement, danger and shock – elements of a true winner. Most of all, this story teaches an important lesson on love, truth and loyalty.

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