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The Triumph of My Soul

*Stories of Hope,
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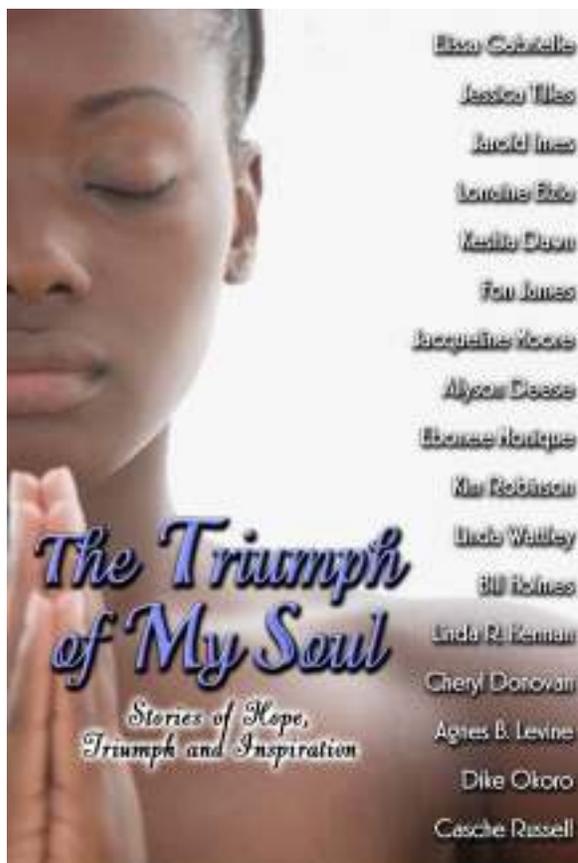
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FEATURING SOME OF TODAY'S MOST INSPIRING, PROVOCATIVE AND PROLIFIC AUTHORS;
AN ESSENCE MAGAZINE BEST-SELLER AND AWARD-WINNING WRITERS!**

(Newark, New Jersey & Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania-October 2007) - Peace In The Storm Publishing is proud to announce the release of its first anthology, *The Triumph of My Soul*, which includes stories of Hope, Triumph and Inspiration. The anthology, comprised of some of today's most prolific and skilled authors, as well as powerful newcomers, is slated for a Christmas release.

"The Christmas release was chosen because the time of the year is joyous but also extremely emotional for some. We wanted to put out the perfect Christmas gift to provide hope to those who need it, to enlighten and encourage those who may need a boost and to also let others know that if you are go through a rough time, to understand that God speaks through our trials. The contributions from these powerful authors are breathtaking," said Elissa Gabrielle, Editor & Publisher of *The Triumph of My Soul*.

Featuring the Brilliant Contributors: Lorraine Elzia, Agnes B. Levine, Bill Holmes, Jessica Tilles, Keshia Dawn, Linda R. Herman, Fon James, Kim Robinson, Jarold Imes, Allyson Deese, Cheryl Donovan, Dike Okoro, Jacqueline Moore, Casche Russell, Linda Wattley, Ebonee Monique and Elissa Gabrielle.

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Praise for *The Triumph of My Soul*

"What a testament of faith and the Grace of God. These stories moved me to tears...tears of joy!"

~Diane Dorce'
Author, 52 Broad Street

"The Triumph of My Soul takes you on a journey, beyond the masks and facades we create in our "perfect little world" and forces us to move from relying on our own abilities to total trust in the Father."

~Wanda B. Campbell,
Author, First Sunday in October

"Awesome, heartfelt and inspirational read. These incredible short stories will make anyone who may be going through a family crisis, abuse, health problems, a heartbreak and whatever life dishes out, to feel a sense of relief, uplift and awareness. These stories prove how important faith in God is."

~Tinisha Nicole Johnson, Author/Writer/Poet

"Inspiration is generously offered through the written words of each contributing author of The Triumph of My Soul. Within its pages, we become acquainted with an immutable truth; that truth being that He will never leave nor forsake us. It is a work that will most assuredly cause its readers to reflect upon their past and present views on life."

~Dr. Linda Beed
Author, Business Unusual

"*The Triumph of My Soul* is a testament of the power of the spirit and prayer in our daily lives. Through these authors, we repeatedly see how God "shows up and shows out." It can be illness, death, depression or lack of worldly goods; if you take His hand and let faith lead you, nothing can stop you. This book is uplifting for the mind, body and soul."

~Sydney Molare', Author

"*The Triumph of My Soul* is an engaging, thought provoking, spirit-filled anthology that will grip the reader like a vice from the very first page. Appropriately titled, *The Triumph of My Soul* reminds readers that God will always do what He says He's going to do--if you just believe."

~Dwan Abrams, Author of *Only True Love Waits*

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"Marathon"

Bill Holmes, Author



"Bill Holmes writes with savvy, creating characters we all love to read about."

~Jessica Tilles, bestselling author of *Sweet Revenge*

"Bill Holmes is a masterful poet whose brilliant portrayal of the pains and pleasures of life reigns supreme."

~Elissa Gabrielle, Author

Bill Holmes, an Award-winning, ESSENCE Best-Selling author is an artist who has dared to dream in the face of adversity while recognizing the divine nature of life and its infinite possibilities. As a respected poet, writer and author on the Philadelphia spoken-word scene, Bill has touched many souls through his creative endeavors by striving towards excellence in everything he does. His performances have captivated many audiences through his unique style of humor, insight, spirituality, pride, and most importantly, love and appreciation of a woman. By no means is Bill afraid "to keep it real when expressing the importance of self-love." He is also the author of the ESSENCE best-selling fiction novel, *One Love*, the full-length poetry book *Straight From My Heart*, and the spoken word CD, *The Air I Breathe*. Bill has been featured and has performed at various poetry venues from Philadelphia to Washington, DC, opening for artists such as the Last Poets and award-winning jazz musician Roy Ayers. His work has been published and featured in the *Philadelphia Tribune*, ESSENCE Magazine, and the anthology *Journey Into My Brother's Soul*. He is also a contributing writer and poet for the forthcoming anthologies *Step Up To The Mic: A Poetic Explosion* and *The Triumph of My Soul*.

In April 2007, Bill received the 2007 Alternative Soul Award for Best Novel for his debut novel, *One Love*. Visit Bill Holmes online at www.BillHolmes.com.

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“Julian’s Grace”

Jessica Tilles, Author



"I wish Jessica Tilles had made the list. The sister is bad with a pen. Please check out some of her work, you won't be disappointed. I rank her up there with Zane."

— BellaBrown

Jessica Tilles, A native of Washington, DC, is the best-selling author of *Anything Goes*, *In My Sisters' Corner*, *Apple Tree*, *Sweet Revenge*, and *Fatal Desire*, *Unfinished Business* and editor of *Erogenous Zone: A Sexual Voyage*. Tilles is co-creator of J.T.'s Book Corner, contributing writer for Black Men In America.com and staff writer for Awareness Magazine (AMAG! Online). Her writing can be seen in Black Romance magazine and on Sexuality and Erotica. She has been featured in Booking Matters magazine, The Clarion-Ledger in Jackson, MS, and on Black Men In America. Visit the author, Jessica Tilles online at www.jessicatilles.com.

Fon James, Author

“... honestly deals with issues the church is afraid to mention, but can't afford to ignore. ... sure to inspire, educate, and entertain.”

~Mimi Jefferson, author
The Single Sister Experiment



Fon James, a new and upcoming author, recently penned her first Christian Fiction novel, *Back and Forth*: a fresh young adult novel that taps into the collegiate world. (November 2007/Tucker House Publishing).

As a former journalist and freelance writer, Fon's full-name byline has appeared in numerous daily newspapers and publications including: *The Houston Chronicle*, *Contra Costa Times*, *The Cleveland Plain-Dealer*, and *Westchase Today*. She served as writer/editor for *Intele-Card News*, and *H Texas Magazine*. She holds a B.S. in Mass Communications from Jackson State University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

Fon resides in Houston, TX with her husband. She's an active member of The Fort Bend Church and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13. Visit Fon James at www.fonjames.com

“Word on the Street”

Jarold Imes, Author



“[Jarold] Imes does a masterful job of weaving a believable tale of the daily struggles of young Black men, as well as, gives the reader a glimpse of the struggles of young men from other races. The end result is finding out that the two struggles are not that different.”

~Tanya Bates
C & B Books Distribution

Jarold Imes is the author of the Hold On Be Strong Teen Series; a young adult and mature teen series that focuses on social issues that young black men face. Jarold currently serves as the Editor of OurTeenVoices.com, a newsmagazine promoting and interviewing authors of young adult and mature teen titles for African American teens. He anticipates the release of his first Christian fiction title in 2008. He is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and a resident of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

"A Stroke of Purpose"

Keshia Dawn, Author



" 'A Stroke Of Purpose' is a stroke of genius! Keshia Dawn eloquently captures life's trials and tribulations through her inspirational, heartwarming and uplifting story."

~Bill Holmes, ESSENCE
Best-Selling Author of
One Love

Keshia Dawn is the author of *By the Grace of God*, a new thought-provoking Christian novel slated for release under Urban Books' Urban Christian imprint in July 2008. Previously self-published in 2003 with the same title, Keshia won Sormag's 2003 Short Story of the Year with her short story, *I Do*. Adding her literature, *Stroke of Purpose* to the anthology, *The Triumph of My Soul*, has returned Keshia to her first love. July 2008 will mark the touring date for Keshia as she is one of the founders of, *Literarily Saved* www.literarilysavedontour.com, a Christian tour that is composed of other Christian authors.

"A Test of Faith"

Lorraine Elzia, Author



"Like a well prepared meal, Lorraine's writing is like food for the soul. Seasoned with love and presented with flair, Mrs. Elzia's words linger long after the meal is over, leaving one longing for more of her special blend of soul food."

~Valerie Ray, Writer

"Lorraine Elzia is a modern literary artist with the eternal creative flair for genuine and heartfelt storytelling. Her words ink a revelation of truth in a language that sets forth a rhythm of precision and uniqueness. In essence, Mrs. Elzia speaks from the soul and writes with such articulation as a groomed wordsmith and lexicologist. She speaks and we listen."

~Sharon S. Gray, M.P.A.
Senior Editor, Bahiyah Magazine
Senior Editor, Gumbo for the Soul Anthology

Lorraine Elzia is a paralegal, literary artist, editor and author. She has published pieces in two of the *Chicken Soup for the Soul Anthologies*; *The Katrina Anthology, Surfacing...Phenomenal Women on Passion, Politics and Purpose*; and *Gumbo for the Soul*. She is Co-Moderator of Essentially Women Writing Group, www.essentiallywoman.com, and Co-Owner of Eve's Literary Services www.evesliteraryservice.com. Lorraine has always had an admiration for both the spoken and written word. That love affair coupled with an addictive need to express herself, gave birth to a compulsion to write, which is a gift she is constantly nurturing. Contact Lorraine via email at lorraineszone@gmail.com.

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“I’m Still Here”

Kim Robinson, Author



“...discover how family’s of today have transcended through time and many obstacles, but still reject their freedom by sometimes engaging in SELF-DESTRUCTIVE behavior in hopes of surviving for another day. However, some people do break through and are the chosen one’s. Kim is indeed living her dreams today and is poised for success. She leaves not a single truth unturned. A COMPELLING, PROVOCATIVE and DYNAMIC work . Robinson is an author to watch.”

~Heather Covington, Author

Kim Robinson is confident that her writing will be a catalyst to help souls who are in negative downward spirals. Born and raised in Compton, California, Kim Robinson did what she had to survive. After a long and intense journey, she now resides in a suburb of Dallas, Texas with her husband and three children. Kim speaks to abused woman and children in churches across the country letting others know that they can change their lives as she has done. She is the author of her ancestor’s history, *The Roux in the Gumbo* and has two cookbooks featuring over two hundred authors; *Food for the Soul* and *Sweet Satisfaction*. Her next book is based on her own life story, entitled, *Street Life to Housewife*.

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"Discovering The Joy Within"

Allyson Deese, Author



"Allyson Deese pulls at our heart strings with a stirring tale of love, loss and finding true love with the help of her Savior."

~Claudia Brown Mosley,
Author

Allyson Deese is an author, poet as well as a student majoring in Medical Office Administration who resides in North Carolina. The talented twenty-two year old has been writing poetry for most of her life. Her unique blend of poetry, and real life circumstance set along an inspirational backdrop inspired Allyson to pen her poetry into the pages of her fictional stories of multiple genres. *Discovering the Joy Within* is the author's first work of fiction to be published. Please read more on Allyson by visiting her on my space at www.myspace.com/allysondeese.

“The Ministry of Motherhood”

Cheryl Lacey Donovan, Author



“All women that face daily challenges ranging from abuse, poverty, racism, addictions and parent-teen problems, just to name a few. These challenges play the Devils advocate in many of our lives, causing so much emotional confusion. ...will help you, the reader to be more aware of your enemy.”

~Womensselfesteem.com

Cheryl Lacey-Donovan is an author, educator, and inspirational speaker. Her first book, *Women What the Hell are You Thinking: An Inspirational Guide to Becoming a Virtuous Woman of God* was released on May 1, 2007. The book remained in Amazon’s top 10 hot new releases during the entire first two months of its release. Cheryl is also the host of “Worth More Than Rubies” an internet radio talk show that airs on redchurchradio.com each Friday from 11:00am – 12:00 CST. She has been a mentor for Christian Women Today for one year and is the founder of A Virtuous Woman-31.

"One Woman's Journey"

Linda R. Herman, Author



"One Woman's Journey," by Linda Herman, could be any woman's journey. Losing ourselves in the shadow of a man, like Amber did, is as normal as sunshine. Her journey was fraught with pain, loss, and hopelessness. But, with the help of her friends, and her own faith, Amber's journey led her to redemption. Through it all she learned to say yes to God -- again.

*~Janet West Sellars,
Author of *Quiet As It's Kept**

Linda R. Herman is a new author on the scene. She's an avid reader who finally tested her writing skills in 2005 when she decided to enter Chapter 1 of her unpublished novel into the Black Expressions annual fiction writing contest. To Linda's surprise, she won first place honors for her work, *Cost of Our Affairs*. It was then that the 911 dispatcher decided to pursue her career as a writer. Linda is the mother of two and has been married for nine years. Linda has been signed by Xpress Yourself Publishing and will release her first novella in 2008. Visit the author on the web at www.myspace.com/linherman.

“The Vanilla Room”

Agnes B. Levine, Author



**"YOU ARE AWESOME,
YOU'RE GREAT, YOU
ARE THE ESSENCE OF
EVERY WOMAN...YOU
ARE FREE."**

~Loretta Scott
author of *Yes, I Can!*

Agnes B. Levine is a fresh new author from Maryland. Her unique collection of work, *Cooling Well Water: A Collection of Work From An African-American Bi-Polar Woman* is planned for a Spring 2008 release and promises to keep readers spiritually rejuvenated. Agnes is also a playwright, screenwriter, poet, and has been published in the Eintouist e-zine; a poem, “Res Ispo” and short essay in the Do-It-Yourself Publishing e-zine; “I Write Because...;” Agnes maintains a webpage in the www.authorsden.com. To be placed on the mailing list for the release of her first book, please e-mail Agnes at agnesblevine@aol.com and put Cooling Well Water in the subject line.

“When You Least Expect”

Dike Okoro, Author



“Dike Okoro's short stories display a keen observer of humanity and nature who sees much beneath the surface of things. His language is rich and elegant and he has a particular sense of humor and irony that leaves the reader pleased at the end of each story. His work is delightful to read.”

~Tanure Ojaide
Professor of Africana Studies
UNC Charlotte
Fiction writer/Poet

Dike Okoro teaches African American literature and writing courses at Olive Harvey College, Chicago. He is a Sam Walton Fellow with Students In Free Enterprise (USA) at the same institution. Okoro received the MFA in Creative Writing from Chicago State University. Widely anthologized, his book reviews, essays, poems, and interviews have appeared in *Black Issues Book Review*, *Quarterly Black Review*, *Drum Voices Revue*, *Chimurenga*, *Sentinel* (UK), *Afrique*, and *Washington Square Review*. His book of poems, *Dance of the Heart*, is forthcoming (MSU Press, 2007). He is also a doctoral student at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

“Death at a Church”

Jacqueline Moore, Author



“Moore is a prolific author who writes with a passion generated from a genuine love of people. The emotions of her characters are so real you find yourself saddened by their dispositions and triumphant during their moments of completion. I look forward to reading more work from Moore in the near future.”

~ Péron F. Long, Author

“Jackie Moore inspires, encourages, and instructs with a knowledgeable and caring voice. A true devotional writer, her lessons are life applicable without the judgmental tone taken by so many Christian writers. Mama Jacq – her email handle speaks volumes – is not afraid to write what’s on her heart and pens thoughtful, change mandating instruction. She teaches in love.”

~Makasha Dorsey, Author & Motivational Speaker

Jacqueline Moore is currently pursuing her undergraduate degree in religion at Liberty University and offers spiritual words of encouragement daily on her website www.virtuousliving.com, and on her myspace page www.myspace.com/mamajacq. She and her two sons, James and Joseph reside in Detroit, Michigan.

Jackie is a Christian writer of non-fiction and fiction. She is currently working on a compilation of her devotionals and has written a non-fiction book on "Virtuous Women" from which she has developed a workshop/seminar. Jackie is also a staff writer for Bahiyah Magazine, The Blessed Room Magazine, and is a contributing author to several anthologies.

“He Loves Us, Always”

Linda Wattley, Author



"Linda Wattley has a divine gift of writing to the soul. The words on the pages become alive and breathe a new life experience for one's mind, body and soul."

~Minister
Deonna R. Matthews

Linda Wattley is a published writer who began her first work of art with poetry. The poem, “I Wish” appeared in the Poetry Gems of the American Poets Society. For over twelve years she had her own religious/philosophical column in the Frosted Illustrated Newspaper titled: The Best Will Show Themselves. In her weekly column, Wattley shared a unique voice revealing her understanding of the heart of God. Heading into her thirteenth year of writing, she realized God had imparted a message to her that she must share with the world. In the beginning, this message was founded on love and God’s desire that His people knew Him individually and wholeheartedly. Linda Wattley's heartfelt desire is to use her gifts and talents to assist in the healing process of victims who have experienced all forms of abuse. She is presenting *The Healing Trilogy: Something about an Angel, Deeper than Love and This Thing Called Love*. This series is for those who have been abused and those who love them and would like to understand the soulful altering experience. She has also poured her heart into two self-help books that promises to bless the hearts and minds of readers who seek spiritual renewal and understanding of the heart and mind of God. **LAST DAY OF VICTIMIZATION** is a tool for every living soul facing the evils of the world as innocent victims. **I KNOW MIXED SIGNALS** reveals the truth about molestation and the secrets about it the world does not want us to know. www.LindaWattley.com

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"Breaking the Chains of Abuse"

Casche Russell, Author



"Casche Russell pens words as if they are songs from the heart and soul. There is music in her verse, sometimes sad and bitter, sometimes hot and spicy, but always relatable. Mostly, her pen sings songs of love and survival. Russell is a survivor. This is a writer and poet who is dedicated to the craft of telling the stories of her life, and in doing so, she mirrors the lives of her readers. That is what true poets do. They reflect the real world, and whether ugly or beautiful, it is the world around them and around us."

*~LM Ross, Author
Manhood The Longest Moan*

Casche Russell is a native of Redford, Michigan. She is a poetic author who writes from her own personal experiences in life. Through all the personal pain she has endured, this author is still standing. She has taken to the pen and turned her pain into poetic prose. Casche a wife and mother, is busy composing her first book of poetry, which she hopes to have published very soon. She credits her desire to succeed to God above, her late grandmother, her husband and kids, and her guardian angel, Daizhjon, the son she lost to domestic violence. He inspired her short story, "Breaking the Chains of Abuse." Learn more about Casche Russell, visit her online at www.myspace.com/romanticgoddess.

“Doors”

Ebonee Monique, Author



“DEFINITELY a talent!”

~Karen E. Quinones Miller
Essence Best-Selling Author

Ebonee Monique is a proud alumnus of Florida A&M University. The Tampa, Florida native started writing early in life. A hardcore entertainment and music enthusiast, Ebonee Monique has dubbed herself “The 80’s baby authoress.” Inspired by many authors, including the late BeBe Moore Campbell, mentor Sheneska Jackson and her late grandmother poet Margaret Naomi Curle, Ebonee Monique definitely has the passion and drive to succeed in doing what she loves: writing. Ebonee Monique currently lives in Tallahassee, FL with her dog, Sophie, and she’s just finished her first full-length fiction novel, titled, *Suicide Diaries*. Visit Ebonee Monique online at www.myspace.com/eboneemonique.

"The Triumph of My Soul"

Elissa Gabrielle, Author



"Elissa Gabrielle is a force to be reckoned with."

~Shani Greene Dowdell, Author

"Elissa Gabrielle is this generation's Maya Angelou, Amiri Baraka and Sonia Sanchez. Her visualizations of inner and outer loves, of subterranean fears laced in anger, of unrelenting urgency to evoke change and betterment, is fresh, vital, and burning with eroticism. She creates new scents from familiar smells. She is confrontation, passion, love on fire. She is to be digested, discussed and passed on. She is to be cherished, protected and honored. She is our ancestors and our children yet to be born."

-Max Julien,
Author, Filmmaker,
Designer & Activist. Star and
co-writer of *The Mack*

Elissa Gabrielle...Author, Publisher, Poet, & Visionary is the author of two poetry books and three novels.

We first met this incredible talent with her debut collection of strong and moving verse, *Stand and Be Counted*. Focusing on themes of love, race, religion, inspiration and society, Elissa Gabrielle has put together a collection of inspirational poetry geared toward positive change that is both moving and entertaining. Through insightful visions and strong declarations, Gabrielle instills confidence in readers as she illuminates the path to a more self-rewarding and gratifying life.

Utilizing the resurgence of her desire to write and "a God given talent that wouldn't go away," Elissa Gabrielle was inspired to pen *Peace In The Storm*, which has testimonials from some of the entertainment industry's finest. *Peace In The Storm* came to Gabrielle while reflecting real life experiences, both her own and from the lives of others.

Elissa is the Creator and CEO of Greetings From the Soul: The Elissa Gabrielle Collection which is a greeting card line that features poignant messages and heartfelt poetry and themes. Find out more at www.greetingsfromthesoul.com.

Elissa has graced the covers of Disilgold Soul Magazine, Big Time Publishing Magazine and Conversations Magazine.

Gabrielle is a graduate of the Connecticut School of Broadcasting and also holds a degree in Communications, and a certificate in Business from Tulane University. Gabrielle is a member of NABFEME, the National Association of Black Female Executives in Music and Entertainment, a professional empowerment, networking and support base for African American women in radio, recorded music, the media, and related entertainment industry fields.

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