



Sistah Scribes

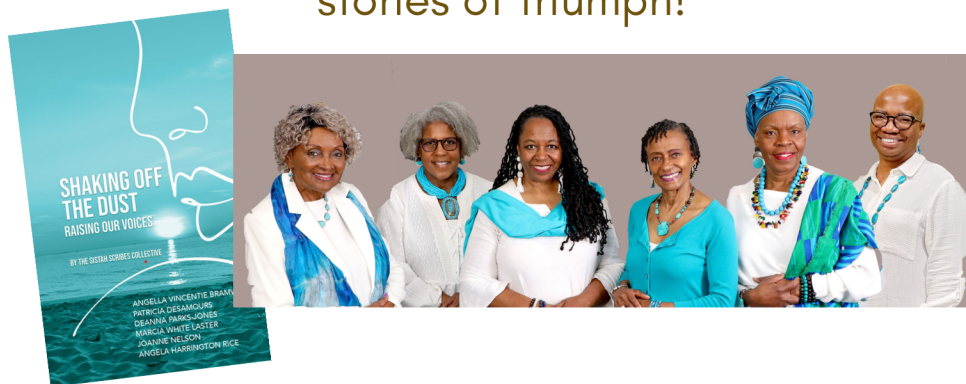
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Sistah Scribes releases their sophomore project "Shaking Off the Dust: Raising Our Voices"

The new anthology offers more inspirational and motivational stories of triumph!



Shaking off the Dust: Raising Our Voices, the second in the Shaking off the Dust by the Sistah Scribes Writers Collective, speaks loudly about the power of women to raise their voices to right wrongs, to encourage others, and to speak truth to power. These six women share how they claimed and raised their voices in various situations and conditions.

The book is dedicated to the late Dr. Bishop Barbara L. King, international spiritual leader, founder of Hillside International Truth Center, and a woman who was known for her audacity to enter a world where women were to submit their voices, instead, she spoke loud and clear about the human condition, injustice and the need to live for truth and speak words of life. She made a difference to men, women, and children across the globe. Four of the six writers met at Hillside International Truth Center, three of whom are ministers.

The stories are sure to be familiar to many women because they tell the lives of women who have had to use their voices to claim their own power, protect themselves, and empower others.

- Readers will be inspired by the three short stories by a woman who learned spiritual lessons through not only her mother's voice but also the sound of a bird.
- One story takes the author from questioning the pastor to becoming a minister, providing answers to spiritual questions.
- You will learn where you begin is not your destiny. A sharecropper's daughter describes her journey from the field to speaking truth to power in the highest professions in the land.
- Challenging patriarchy can be difficult, especially when your father expresses it; a young woman raises her voice in protest and decides her destiny.
- Words hurt, especially when you don't fit in. This coming-of-age story highlights the struggle of a girl who comes to terms with her weight and uses her voice to challenge perceptions.
- One writer demonstrates how her mental alertness and voice protected her from a heinous crime.

The goal of Sistah Scribes is to inspire and encourage women to persevere through their challenges, knowing that they, too, can raise their voices and share their stories to help other women and men raise theirs.

March is Women's History Month, and in this volume of work, Sistah Scribes joins the many women who have historically believed their truth was worth telling.

More information about *Shaking off the Dust: Raising Our Voices* is available at www.sistahscribes.com.

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