



# December Follies



Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos' Book Launch is going strong! What's Inside:

- On Monday, I was overwhelmed by the incredible supporters who showed up, showed love, and made the first *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos book launch* unforgettable.
- Then, this week's glowing Kirkus Reviews left me speechless:
   "Overall, this biography, memoir, and historical narrative is an important addition to the literature on mid-20th-century Black women entrepreneurs, accompanied by a wealth of photographs, news clippings, handwritten letters, and other visual elements."

Francene M. D. Hill
Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos,
Author

I invite you to read the full review and visit my latest blog where I share my overwhelming reaction.

. Your support truly means the world.

## A Royal Recognition from Kirkus Reviews

As Kermit B. Hill's daughter, I've poured my heart and soul into sharing my mother's story, hoping it will resonate with readers. But receiving this recognition from *Kirkus Reviews* gives her legacy the validation it deserves.

They praise the book as an "accessible, valuable addition to the histories of Black businesswomen in America" that "reads like a novel."

Read the rest in my blog: francene-hill.com/francenes-blog
If you have your copy, don't forget to leave a review on Amazon!



### Incredible Turnout for First Book Launch

Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos' official book launch celebration received an incredible response on Monday at The Writer's Center. Moderated by Pamela Monroe, I revealed behind-the-scenes tactics of turning love letters, War Dept. files and newspaper clippings into Kermit B. Hill's inspiring creative biography. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who showed up, showed love, and made this night unforgettable. Your support means everything! Visit our social media pages to view a TikTok video of the event.

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## Latest News on Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos

December signals holidays, reflections on the previous year, and hope for the next. Seeing *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos* published on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and literally around the world will always be the highlight of 2025.

This week, the incredible Kirkus Review is the literal cherry on top! I am truly blessed and owe it all to you wonderful supporters who believed my mother's story was worth the journey to make this day possible.

The first official book launch event also took place this week— it was so much fun celebrating with friends, family, and new supporters interested in hearing about *Tiny Tots in Tiaras and Tuxedos* and getting their signed copy.

If you missed it, please join me on Jan. 24, 3-5 pm at Wheaton Library or Feb. 1, 2-4 pm at Olney Library. I'm excited to take the celebration to my hometown where Tiny Tot Nursery School served the St. Louis community for 60 years.

Wishing you the best holiday season & a Happy New Year. **Thanks for all your support.**