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A Thirty-Year Odyssey of Storytelling, Transformation, and Multicultural Love

By Rita Hanner-Ward, Writing as Kiva Wolfe™

I've known since childhood that storytelling was part of my DNA. In second grade, my teacher wrote on my report card that I *"told too many stories in class,"* distracting her and the other students. I didn't realize it then, but that small reprimand was really a glimpse of the future. Stories were already how I made sense of the world — and how I connected to it.

I began writing seriously in 2002, but the spark that ignited my fiction came from a dream my sister shared with me. It was vivid, emotional, and strangely cinematic — the kind of dream that refuses to fade. That dream became the seed of a multiverse that would grow into the Gem Provenance Legacy, a romantic-suspense series set within the glittering, treacherous world of the international precious-gem trade.

Writing as Kiva Wolfe™, I craft multicultural romantic-suspense adventures where betrayal, deception, and danger collide with transformational love. In the perilous world of gemstones and diamonds, no one is who they seem to be — and every stone carries a secret worth killing for. Against this backdrop, my characters fight not only for survival, but for connection, redemption, and the courage to become the heroes of their own lives.

The first two books in the series, Red Flash and Tears of Iemanjá, follow the Stanovic family across continents and decades as they navigate organized crime, legacy, and the deadly pursuit of a fabled red diamond. A murdered child. A missing shipment of rare paraíbá tourmalines. A web of obsession and betrayal that threatens to consume everyone it touches. At its heart, the series is about legacy, loss, desire, and the fire that burns within every priceless stone — and within every person brave enough to love in a world built on secrets.

This blend of romance, action, and international intrigue has earned recognition across multiple award platforms, including Distinguished Author honors and Multicultural & Interracial Romance accolades from the International Impact Book Awards, as well as Silver and Bronze Seals from the Manhattan Book Awards. But the true reward has been watching readers connect with the emotional core of the story: the belief that transformational love can change us, bridge cultures, and reveal the hero within.

My writing journey has now spanned more than thirty years, and it continues to evolve.





Fiction opened the door, but poetry gave me a different kind of voice — one rooted in reflection, memory, and emotional truth. My Poetic Awakening series explores love, loss, grief, and restoration, tracing the quiet, intimate spaces where healing begins and where emotional reckoning becomes renewal.

In recent years, my creative path has expanded again — this time into film. I write emotionally grounded dramas and dark comedies that explore the complexities of human relationships and identity. My short and feature screenplays have earned multiple accolades on the festival circuit, marking a new chapter in a journey with no end in sight.

Storytelling has always been my compass — and I'm still following where it leads.

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