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BLACK MUSIC MONTH
CELEBRATION

AUTHORS PRESS PLAY
HOW MUSIC INSPIRES THEIR CRAFT

BLACK MUSIC INSPIRES
BLACK ROMANCE

WHAT IS THE UPSTREAM



Black Music Inspires...

We are honored to celebrate Black Music Month with Our readers/music lovers, the faithful, the few, the many, and the magical. You, the readers, make Us who we are. We are grateful for your Love.

This Book BoomaBox 2025, We asked a cadre of Our best Black authors, how does Black Music influence and impact their work as an author. Black Family. Their responses WILL INSPIRE AND ELEVATE YOU! They gave Us a symphony of truth, power, and magic!

Tosha Writes, Reese Ryan, Sean D. Young, author/publisher Quiana Nicole, Thaddeus Kane, and Butterfly Brooks tell us how Black Music inspires them to write, how Black Music is the heartbeat of their novels, how Black Music is the melody on their pages, how Black Music brings magic to their stories.

Sparking Our pens with Black Music, We are writing the balance that keeps The Cosmos in check, maintaining the harmony for all of God's Creation. Black Music is the life's blood of The Galaxy. Its necessary power cannot be underestimated, ever. We give abundant gratitude to The Most High Creator for Black Music, our eternal lifeline, our cosmic connection to everything that is beautiful, everything that is wonderful, to everything that is Love.

Keep reading! Keep listening! Keep dancing! Keep writing!
Keep inspiring! And keep Loving, Black Family!
Blessings!

Butterfly Brooks
Thaddeus Kane



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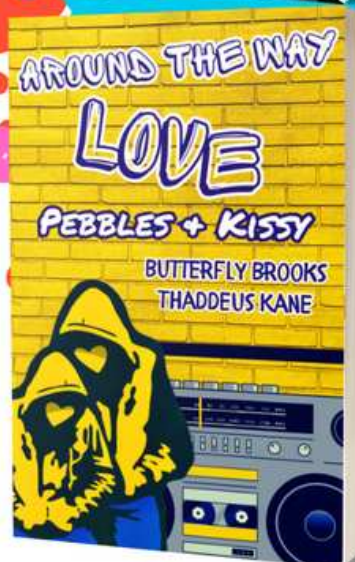
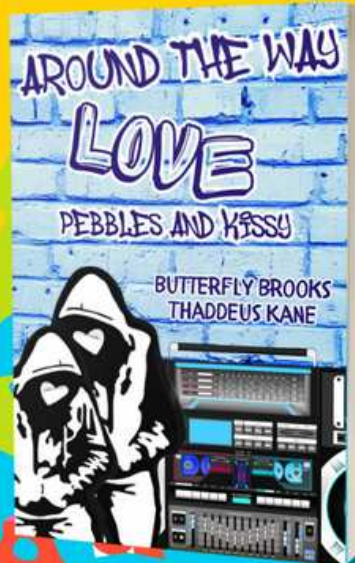
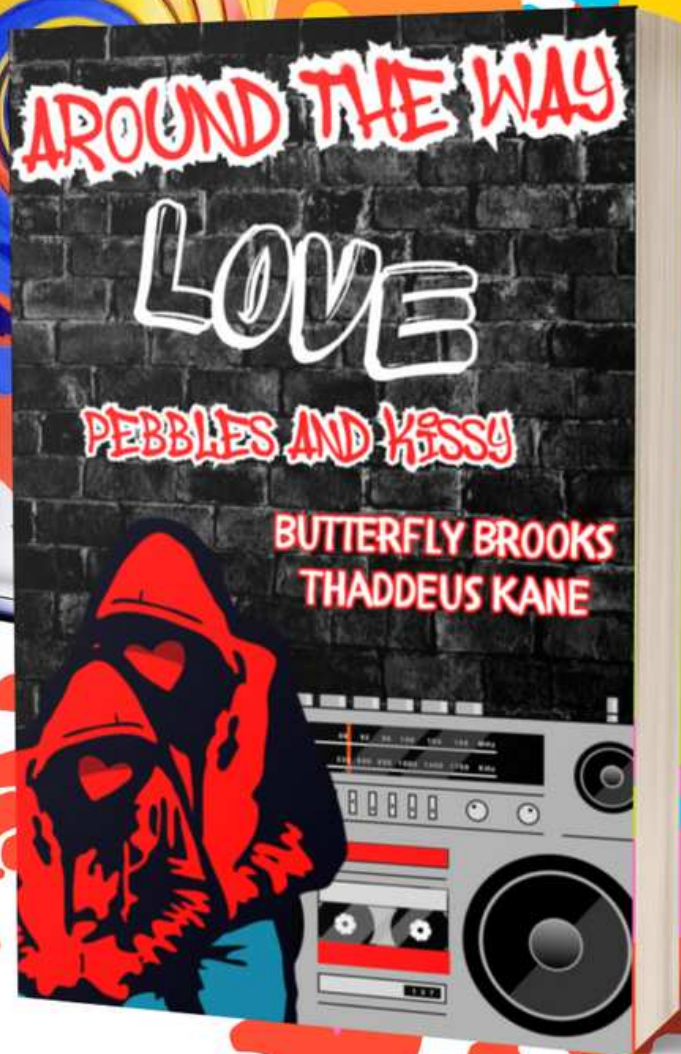


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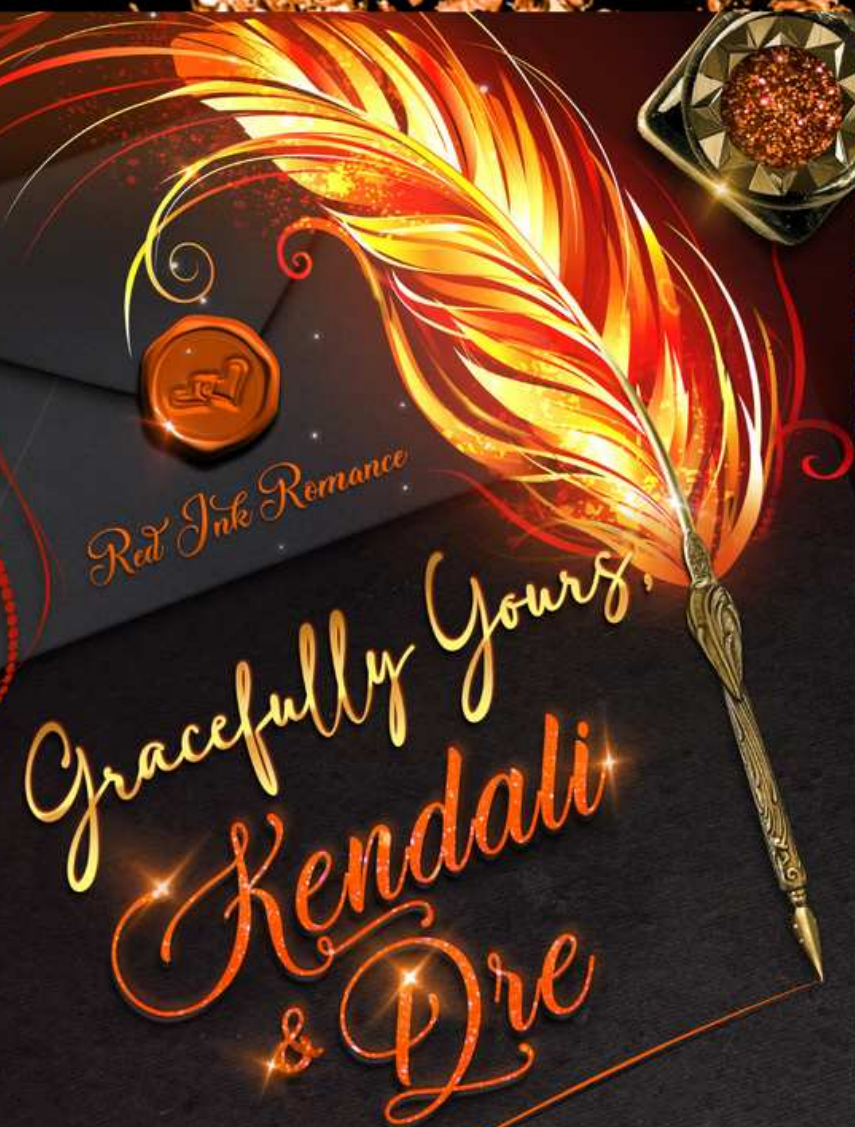


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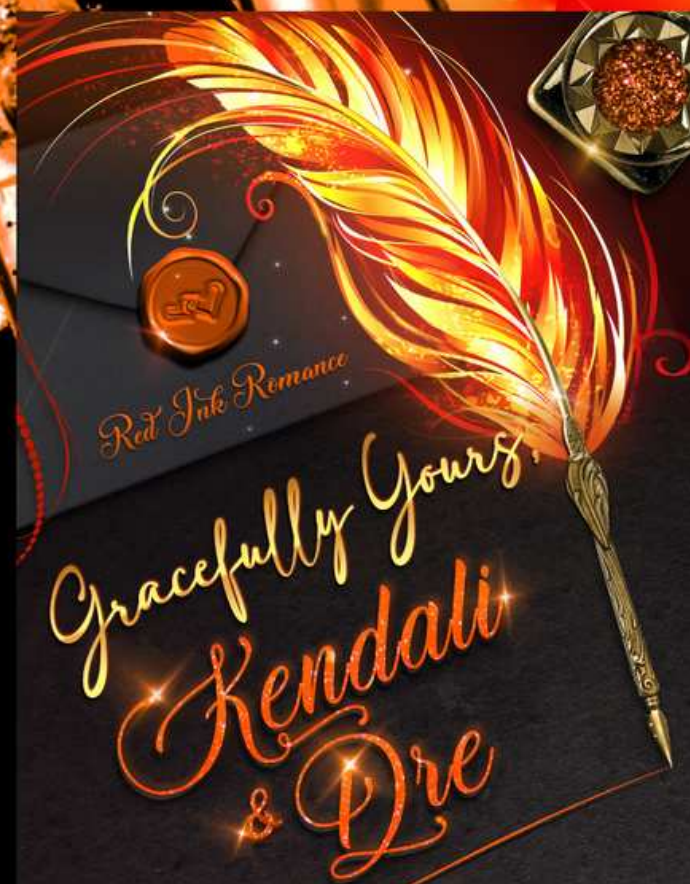
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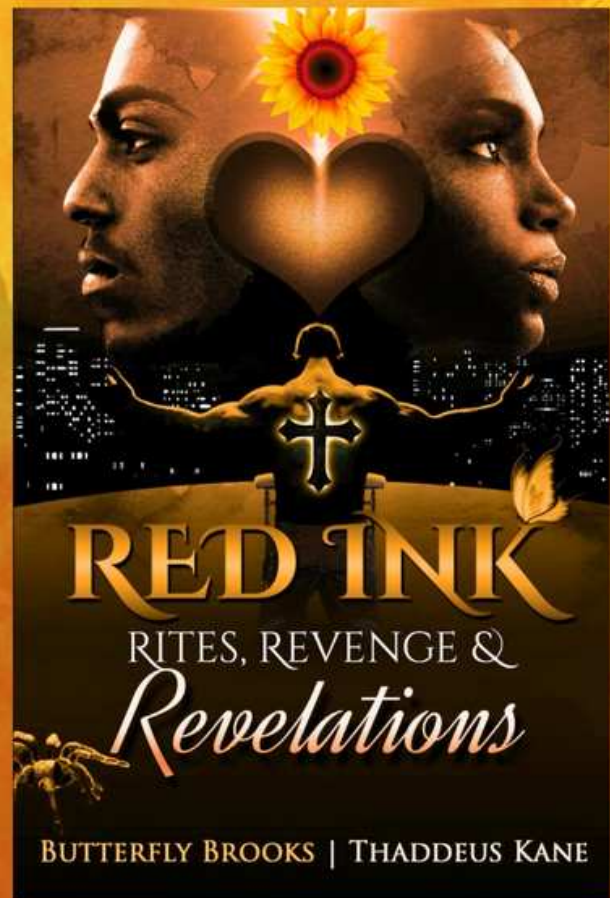
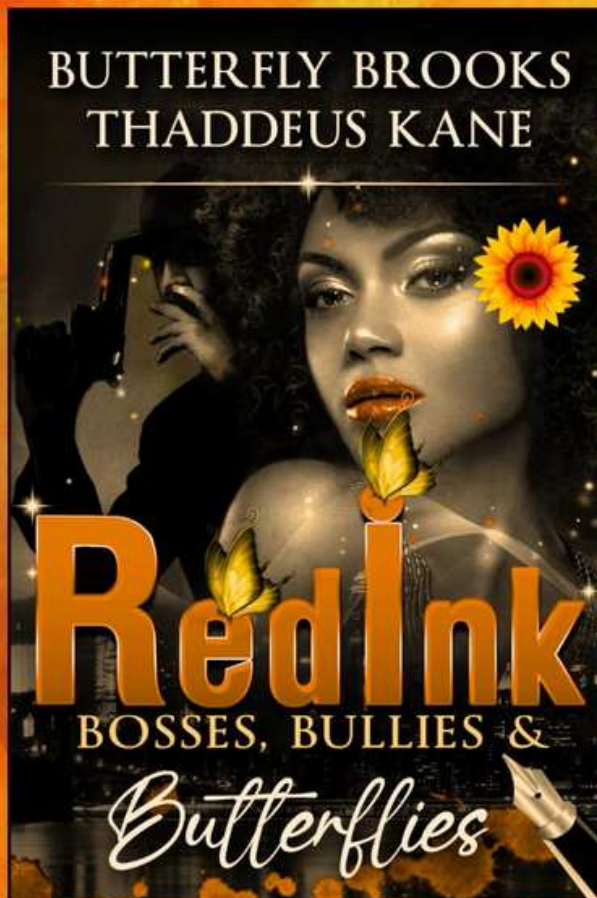
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Tosha Writes

Tosha Writes is a best-selling author of Hood/Street Fiction, Romance, Contemporary Romance, Dark Romance, Erotic/Spicy, and Poetry. She started her writing journey penning poems, her first love, and evolved into composing novels that tell the stories of intriguing, magnetic characters. Her current catalog boasts 19 titles of pure poetic passion.

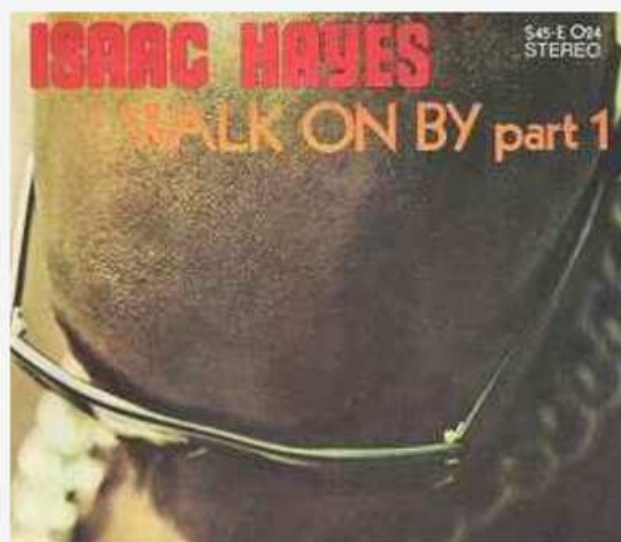
When asked about the impact of Black Music on her work as an author Tosha says, "Black Music is the back bone to our culture. A lot of the music today stems from our ancestor's cries, tiredness, and the small bit of happiness they found in things. It is the heartbeat of black people. As an author it is how I get through a book and make characters. It is, also, how I made it through life."



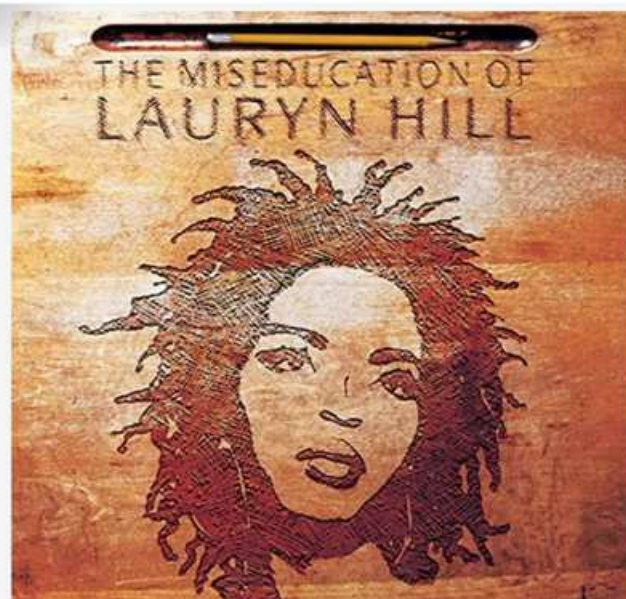
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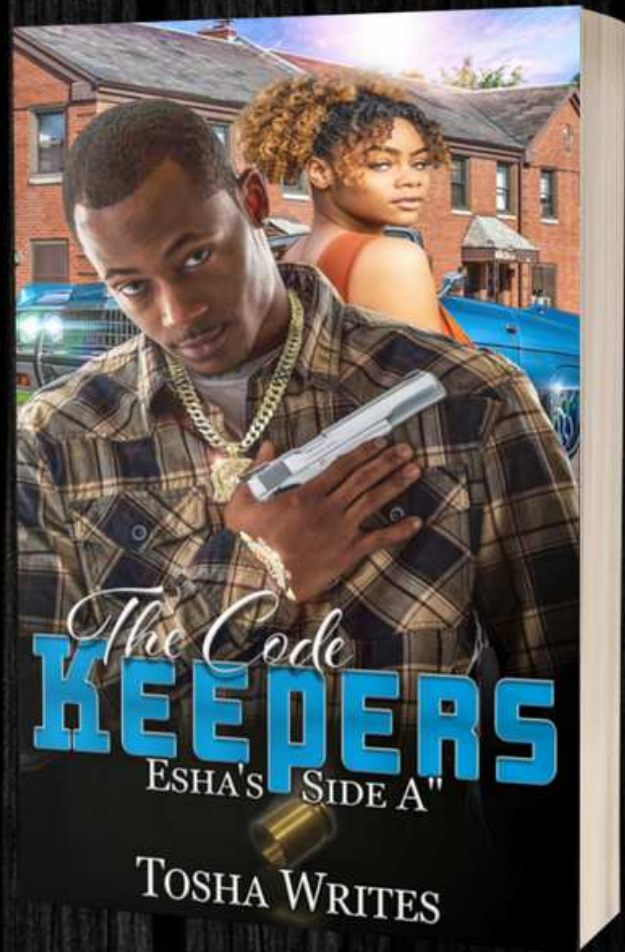
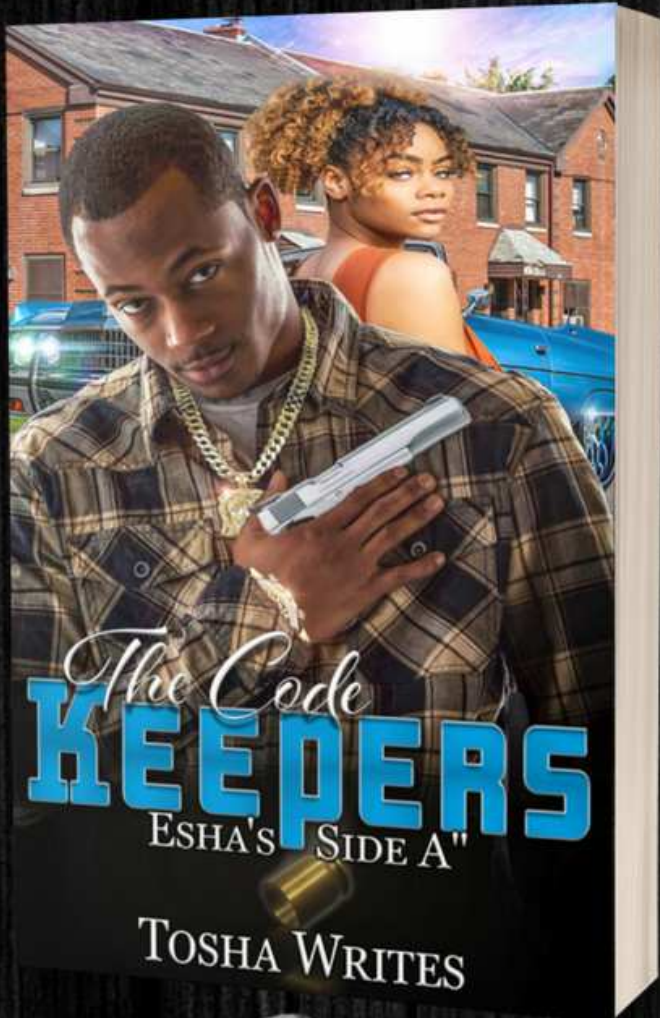
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THE KING'S MEN PLAYLIST

TOSHA
of Notes

1. DOWN WITH THE KING- RUN DMC
2. DEAR GOD- BOYZ II MEN
3. WHY CAN'T WE GET ALONG- 112
4. HOW TO FIX IT- JAGGED EDGE
5. FREAK ME- SILK
6. WE'RE NOT MAKING LOVE NO MORE- DRU HILL
7. FEENIN'- JODECI
8. COME & TALK TO ME- JODECI
9. I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU- NEW EDITION
10. I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU- KEITH SWEAT
11. PLEASE DON'T GO- BOYZ II MEN
12. IT'S OVER NOW- 112
13. BROKEN MAN- ANTHONY HAMILTON
14. UHH AHH- BOYZ II MEN
15. A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE & HATE- H-TOWN
16. LET'S GET MARRIED- JAGGED EDGE
17. BEAUTY- DRU HILL
18. GIRL U FOR ME- SILK
19. KING BACK- T.I.
20. FADE- KANYE WEST
21. KING KUNTA- KENDRICK LAMAR
22. KING OF ROCK- RUN DMC
23. STAY- JODECI
24. YOUR LOVE IS KING- SADE
25. WHERE DO BROKEN HEARTS GO- WHITNEY HOUSTON
26. A SONG FOR MAMA- BOYZ II MEN

Black Music Inspirations

Reese Ryan

Two red violins are positioned horizontally, one on the left and one on the right, framing the title. They are set against a black background.

Award-winning author Reese Ryan writes sexy, emotional, “grown folks” romantic fiction. Her characters find love while navigating career crises and family drama. Her books have been featured on Entertainment Weekly, BuzzFeed, and BookRiot.

When asked about the impact of Black Music on her work as an author Reese says:

My love for music is nearly equal to my love for books. I've always had eclectic musical taste. I listen to everything from hip-hop, R&B, classical, Latin fusion, movie and Broadway musical soundtracks, and some country.

My father was a really complicated person, but my love of music stems from him. As a kid, most of my allowances were spent at the local record store. Music has always been an important means of expression for me personally and for Black people culturally.

That's why music shows up in nearly every story I write, playing in the background or one character is teaching the other how to dance. Marvin Gaye, LTD, or some other iconic Black artist is playing while the love interests get to know each other as they sway on the dance floor.

My Love & Music Suite series, which follows the career and romantic adventures of a school of the arts alumni, gave me the opportunity to marry my love of music and literature. It's been fun creating these characters and learning more about what goes on behind the scenes in the music industry.



COCO JONES

What I Didn't Tell You
(Deluxe)



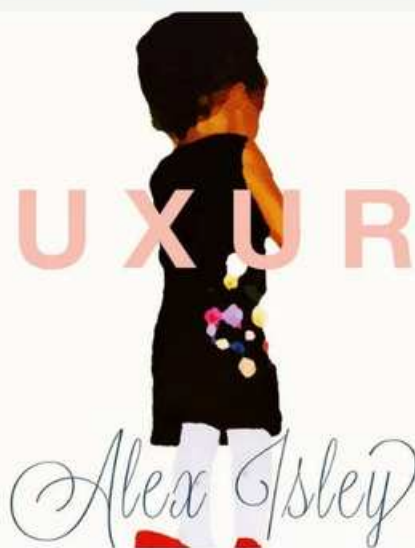
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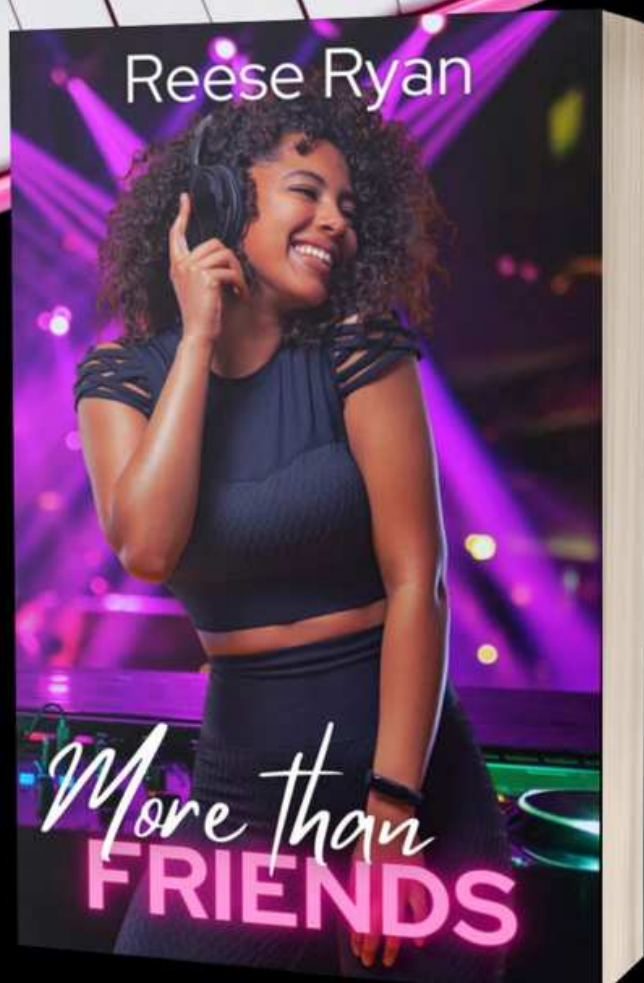
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A Black Music Month Celebration

Paperback Gifting



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Time: 8PM EST, Each Day

Place: BFly's Book Bistro
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A woman with dark, curly hair is shown in profile, looking upwards. She has yellow eyeshadow and red lipstick. A large yellow flower is tucked behind her ear. On the left side of the image, a violin is visible, with its neck and body extending vertically. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color.

Reese Ryan

Made for
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A Friends to Lovers Romance

Black Music Inspirations

Sean D. Young

Sean crafts stories that blend sweetness with a touch of spice, exploring the complexities of love, relationships, and family drama. Her debut novel, *Total Bliss*, was published in 2005, marking the beginning of her journey as a romance writer. Since then, she's been blessed to bring compelling love stories to life, capturing the hearts of readers who cherish stories where love always finds a way. Beyond writing, graphic and web design is her other passion. She finds joy in creating beautiful, captivating visuals, much like the worlds she weaves in her novels. She loves being active in her church and cherishes life in Northwest Indiana with her family.

When asked about the impact of Black Music on her work as an author Sean says:

"Black music is the soundtrack of our lives; at least it is for mine. For every milestone, tragedy, and triumph, we've had music that spoke of joy, heartbreak, longing and triumph in a language that lives in our hearts. When you hear it, it can take you right back to how you felt in that moment. As a Black author, music helps me tell my stories, say things that my characters can't express for themselves. It's a beautiful pairing for me that warms my heart as I type the words, the song plays in my head right away. Whether it's Anita Baker, Donny Hathaway, The Whispers, H.E.R., October London, or Jazmine Sullivan, their voices have shaped my stories in so many ways. Black music reminds me that our love, our joy, and our stories are timeless, and I think it's the best thing God ever made. "



TONY TONITONE
House of Music



SEAN D. YOUNG
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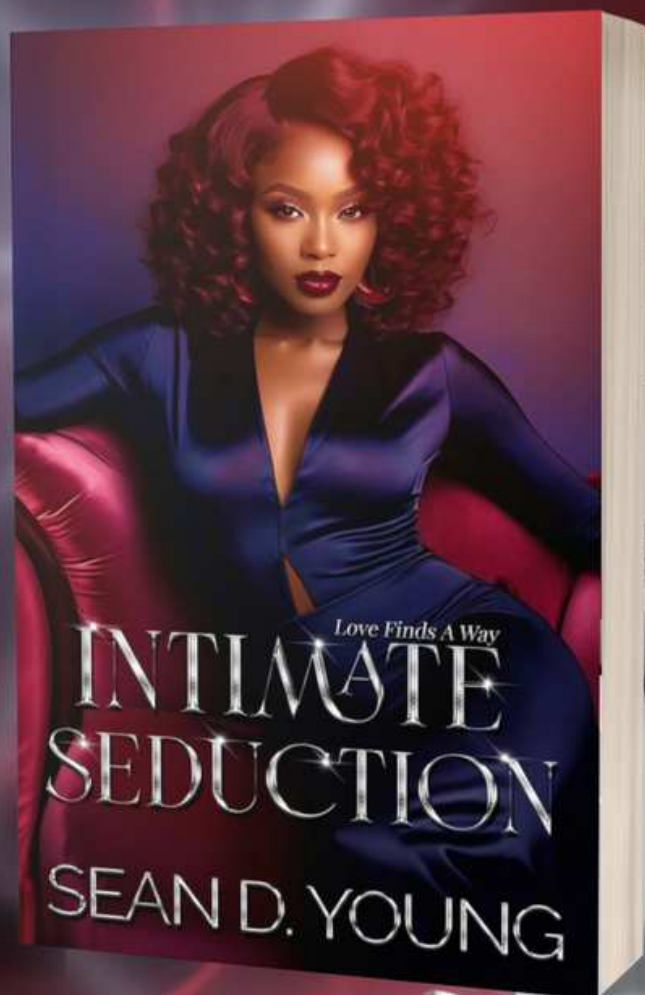
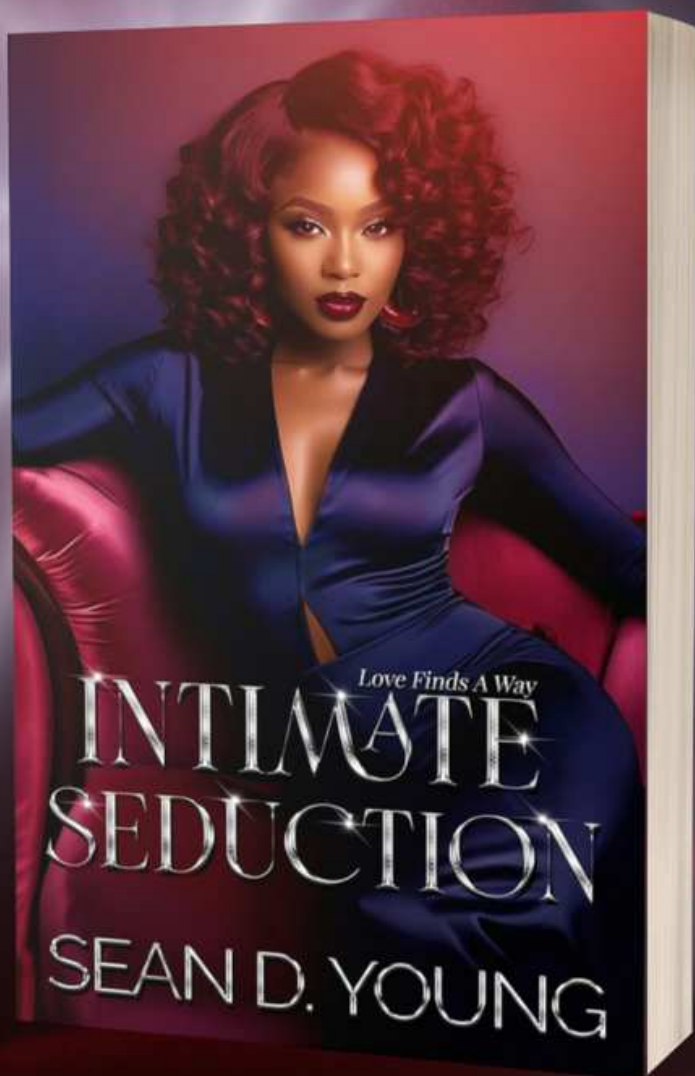
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SURRENDER

HAPPILY EVER AFTER BOOK TWO

PLAYLIST

1- LET ME LOVE YOU - MARIO

02- CAN'T HELP BUT WAIT - TREY
SONGZ

03- YOU GOTTA BELIEVE - MARY J.
BLIGE

04- COME THROUGH - H.E.R.,
CHRIS BROWN

05-ADORN - MIGUEL

06- BUTTERFLIES - QUEEN NAIJA

07- HAVE YOU EVER - BRANDY

08- WE - CHRIS BROWN

09- ALL I EVER ASK - FREDDIE
JACKSON

10- BETWEEN US - SNOH AALEGRA

11-LOVE'S TRAIN - BRUNO MARS

12- LOVE'S TRAIN - CON FUNK SHUN



BLOOM

HAPPILY EVER AFTER BOOK ONE

PLAYLIST

01- SO INTO YOU - JAC

02- FREE FALLIN - MARVIN SAPP

03- SO BEAUTIFUL - MUSIQ

04- QUIET TIME TO PLAY -
JOHNNY GILL

05- SOMETHING WE CAN MAKE LOVE
TO - ERIC BENET & TAMAR BRAXTON

06- SHE KEEPS CALLING ME -
OCTOBER LONDON

07- LITTLE THINGS - ELLA MAE

08- GET YOU - DANIEL CAESAR

09- DON'T YOU KNOW THAT -
LUTHER VANDROSS

10- LATELY - TYRESE

11- ANYTIME, ANYPLACE - JANET
JACKSON

12- MY SONG - H.E.R.



Black Music Inspirations

Quiana Nicole

Born and raised in Menlo Park, California, Quiana Nicole discovered her desire for writing in fourth grade where she started writing poetry and short stories. It wasn't until much later that her passion for writing grew from a hobby into therapy.

In 2014, Quiana wrote her first novel 'Dirty Lil' Secrets'. She has since penned several collaborations as well, you can find all of her titles on Amazon or Barnes & Noble. In 2017, Quiana started her own company and is now the President and CEO of Major Key Publishing, a black-owned publishing company that is empowering and equipping black authors to produce world-changing books.

When asked about the impact of Black Music on her work as an author Quiana says:

Black music—from spirituals to jazz, blues to hip-hop—was never just about sound. It was survival. It was code. It was community. As an author, I see Black music as literature in motion. The beats, the rhymes, the refrains—those are the chapters of struggle, defiance, and hope.

For me, Black music isn't background noise—it's bloodline. It's memory. It's the sound of who we are, who we've been, and who we keep becoming. When I write, I don't just hear my own voice—I hear the hum of spirituals sung by people who had nothing but still created beauty. I hear the sharp truth of Nina Simone and the raw vulnerability of Donny Hathaway. I hear Lauryn Hill's honesty, Kendrick Lamar's questions, and the way Jay-Z turned pain into power. That's not just music. That's blueprint.

Artists like Kendrick document reality: political, social, spiritual. As a writer, that teaches me to be unflinching. To write what's real, even when it's uncomfortable. To honor truth over trend - ALWAYS.

Black music is endlessly inventive. It reminds me that our stories can't—and shouldn't—fit into anyone else's box.

There's a certain courage in Black music. A refusal to be erased. That's the spirit I try to bring to my writing. I want my work to echo with the same boldness, the same truth-telling, the same soul. Even if nobody claps, even if nobody "gets it" at first—just like some of our greatest artists—I'm still going to tell the story.

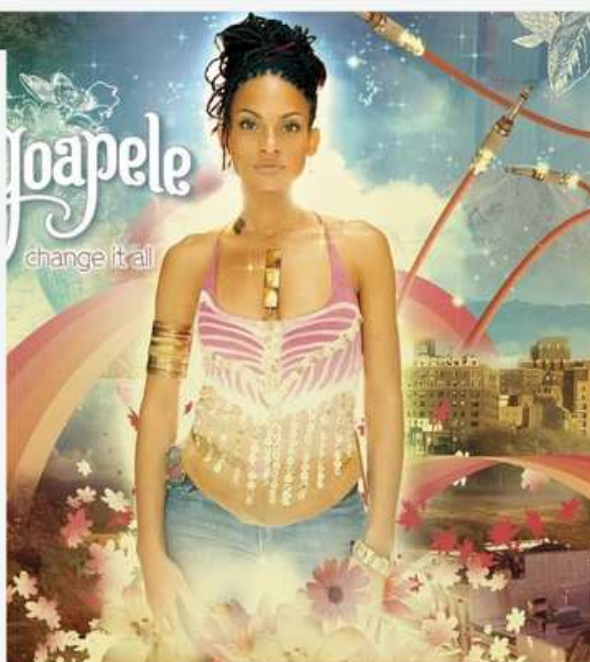
Because our music didn't just shape me. It raised me. And now, through my words, I try to give something back.



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MARSHA AMBROSIOUS
LATE NIGHTS & EARLY MORNINGS

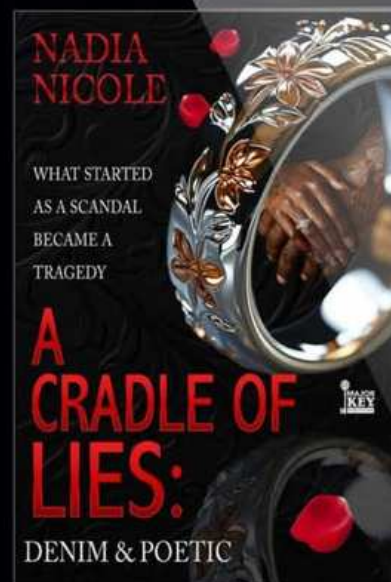
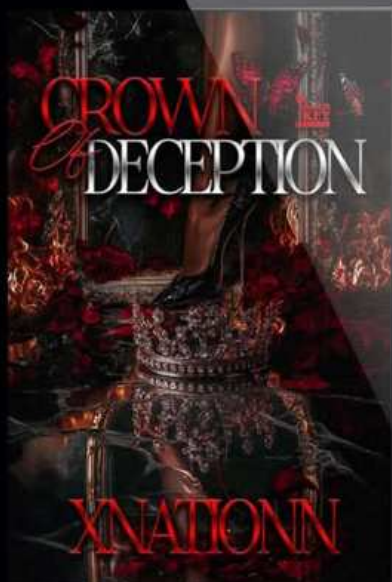
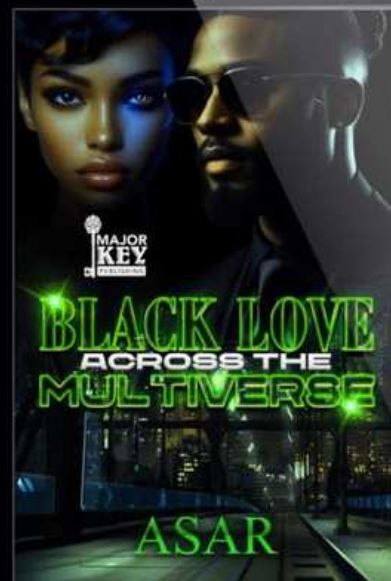
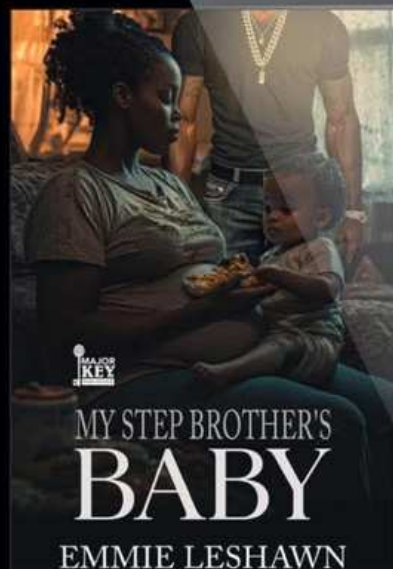
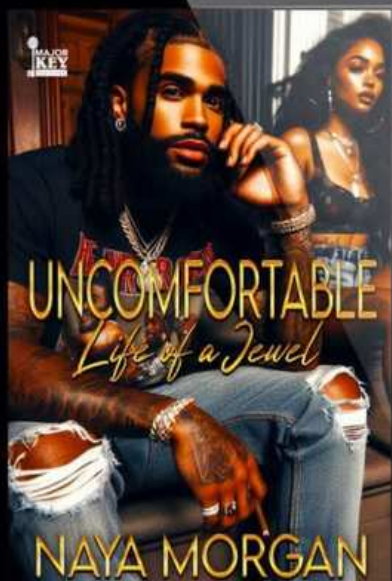


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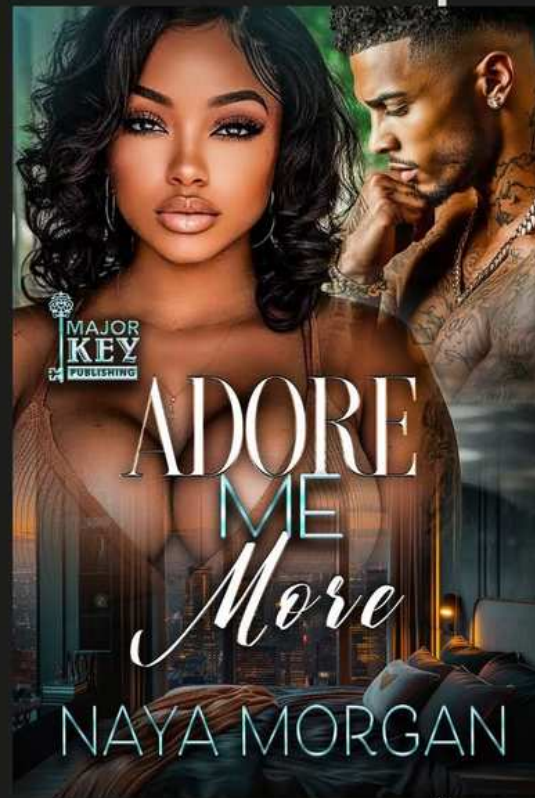
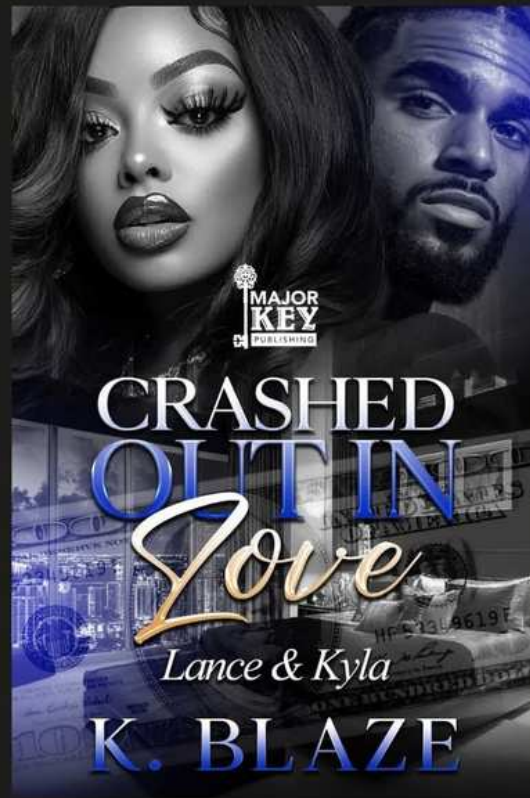
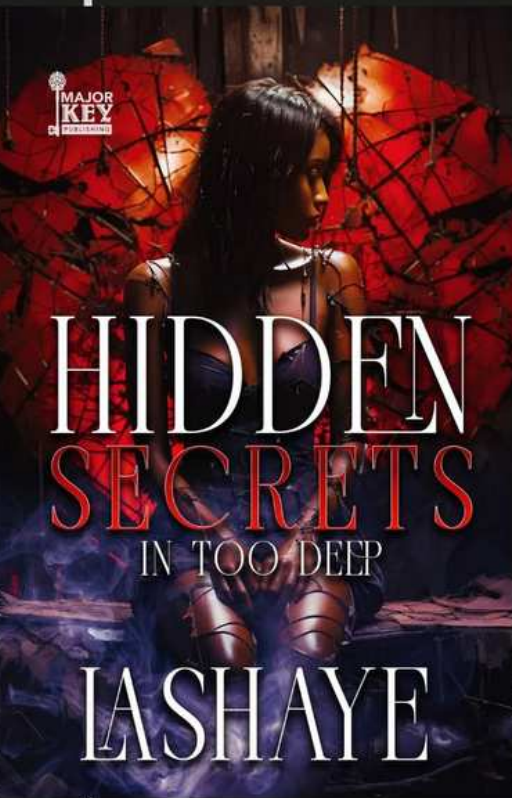
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He is The Spinner.

Together, they are The GenreBenders.

He is a musician, playwright, author, music program director, son, brother, father, uncle, cousin, spider, husband. He spins tales for readers' elevation, empowerment, and enlightenment, all for the sake of Love.

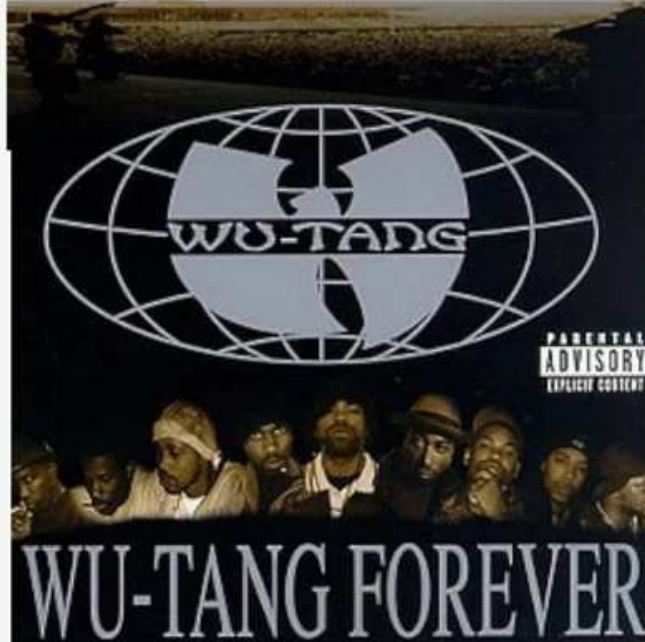
When asked about the impact of Black Music on his work as an author Thaddeus says:

Black Music is The Black Divine Feminine. This is especially true for me because my mamas introduced music to me in a powerful and profound way. My mother played piano and my grandmother was an organist and the church musical director. So, Black Music is my connection to myself, my mothers and fathers, my family and all of my people, my Black people.

Ultimately, Black Music represents the entire spectrum of the Black experience. As an author, Black music inspires me. It's both my fortitude and my vulnerability. Black Music is my love language. It is a divine vibration that compels me to dig deeper into My Spirit and write honestly. At its core, Black Music is the purest manifestation of life and love.



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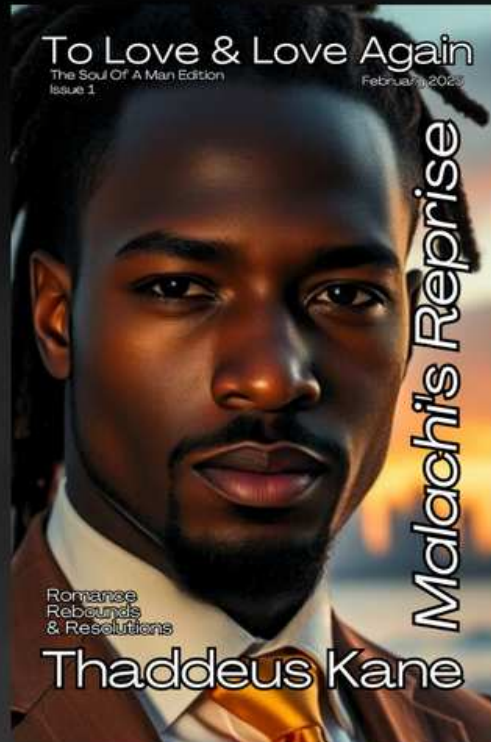
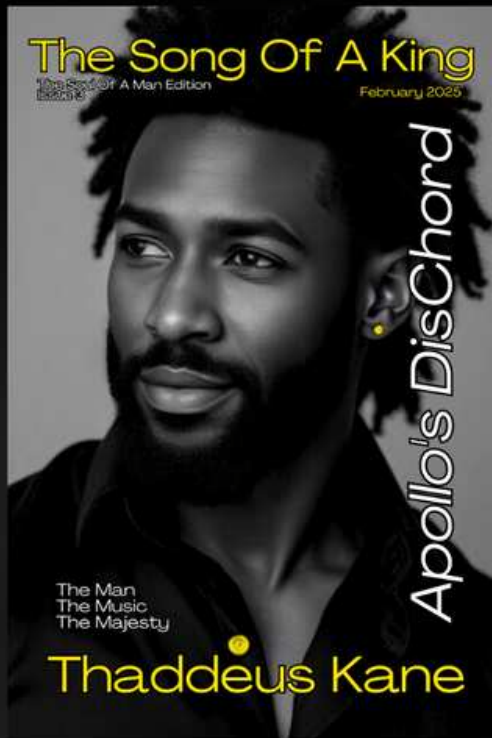
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Butterfly Brooks

Butterfly Brooks has written and produced a variety of non-fiction Black music history books and articles over the past twenty years. She writes soulful fiction stories with her Husband/Co~pilot in this Cosmic Conspiracy, Thaddeus Kane. She is The Weaver. He is The Spinner. Together, they are The GenreBenders. She is daughter, woman, wife, lover, mamma, writer, author, dilettante Black music historian, Spirit Woman guide, star reader gypsy, student, Lianesss, Butterfly, and emoticon addict, currently not enrolled in a 12-step program.

When asked about the impact of Black Music on her work as an author Butterfly says:

Writing is a wrhythm. Writing and music go together. In my mind there is no separation of the two. Black Music is everything, everything that ever was, everything that is, and everything that shall be. Our elder scholars taught Us that the ancient ancestors said, before there was God there was sound/the word. A noise. A tone. A frequency. A cacophony. A symphony. We are taught that sound elevates and builds and heals. We are taught that sound manifested the greatest wonders of the world, including the pyramids, the pyramids AROUND the world, not just Africa, but also, Asia, and America.

Nature, The Cosmos, The Great and Endless Galaxy seeks balance and harmony, continuously moving to maintain its divine frequency. This divine frequency is Black Music. There is a league of extraordinary writers, a kind of cosmic council- The Harmonic Scribes League- that is assigned to ensure the sanctity of universal harmonics. This is my mission as an author, to maintain the cosmic balance. It is a great and awesome charge and I am honored to be selected.

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They have penned a robust catalog of mystery, suspense, drama, and especially love. Love is always woven in the fabric of their stories. Thaddeus and Butterfly have dedicated themselves to the mission of uplifting, elevating, and empowering readers with a wholesome Black experience, inspiring booklovers worldwide to be Black Excellence.

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Butterfly & Thaddeus Love Inspirations

"He's The Wind in My Wings. She is My 88 Keys."

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We asked,
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dinner, and
dessert that
describe
your union."

We are harmonized, in every way. Our harmony inspires Me, inspires Us, in all of Our creation. We balance each other, creating our own rhythms, rocking to Our own symphony. She is My 88 keys, unlocking My melody, continuously. He is The Wind in My Wings, keeps Me dancing on the air.

Book

QuasaMaya~ Return To Planet Q (WIP)

Music

Dreaming About You by The BlackByrds

Ain't Nobody by Chaka Khan

Symptoms Of Love by Loose Ends

Take Me Higher by Fertile Ground

Dinner

Paella

Chicken & Rice

Dessert

**Birthday Cake or Apple Pie & Ice Cream. I'm the cake.
I'm the pie. He's the ice cream.**



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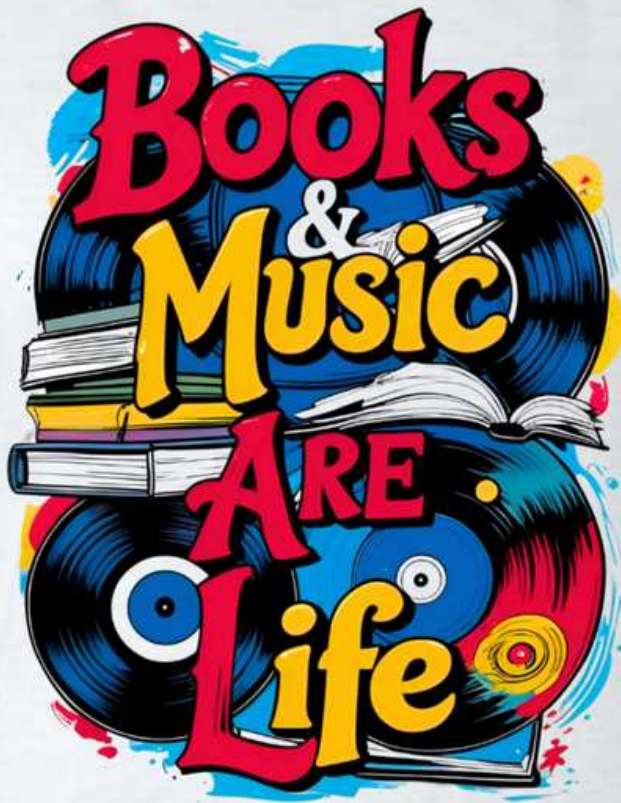
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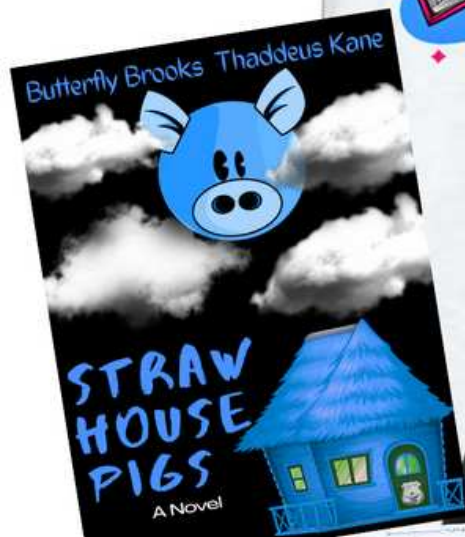
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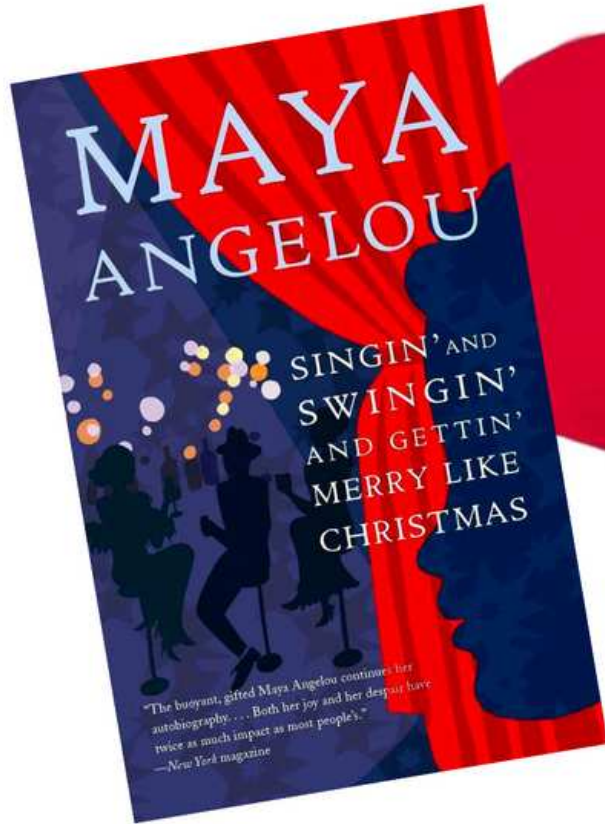
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