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AUTHORS ON THE RISE



STORIES OF RESTORATION & HEALING

Authors share their
true story of rising
from the ashes of
darkness

MEET FEATURED AUTHOR

*Minister Vincent
E. Haywood Sr.*

**MEET 3 EMERGING
AUTHORS &
CELEBRATE THEIR
BOOKS!**

**Celebrating
National
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3 Emerging Authors

Get to know 3 Amazing Authors who will capture our literary hearts

*Hey
Authors!*



Meet Winona L. Thomas, the founder of Authors on the Rise Digital Magazine & Kiras Publishing, LLC.

Multi-talented, Winona L. Thomas is a Certified Professional Author Coach & Author of 5 books, Teacher, Host of Author's on the Rise IG Media Platform, Inspiration Speaker, and is seen as one of Metropolitan Detroit's rare treasures. Kiras Publishing was birthed out of Winona's own personal struggle of trying to get her first book published, which almost played out in a courtroom drama. It is because of the challenges Winona faced as a first time author, she made a decision that no author should have to be discouraged during the publishing process because of someone else's lack of integrity when it comes to handling your book project. Winona has positioned herself as a resource & expert to help guide aspiring new authors through the publishing process!

The Process of Becoming



I love what Michelle Obama states in her book Becoming Michelle Obama, "when you reflect on and share your story, every piece of it, that's how we all keep becoming." As I reflect on a book I wrote entitled Beautiful You, On The Inside, a book about embracing all of who you are in God and that includes the flaws. You have to be ready to heal, that means letting go of the past hurt, pain, and trauma even from your childhood. Being ready to heal, also means being ready to forgive, release your fear and anxieties so you can propel to soar to new levels in your life. Beautiful You, On The Inside is a process, this type of breakthrough does not happen overnight, it is a Becoming process.

Are you ready to accept and walk in this healing journey? Are you ready to look yourself in the mirror and say, "I love and accept all of me including my flaws?" Becoming Beautiful You, On The Inside means being willing to take the journey with God and allowing Him to heal in areas of our past and present from the root of the hurt and the pain. When God heals, the hurt you endured from your past, you will not have to endure it again.

Poet's
Corner

UNSAID IS KILLING

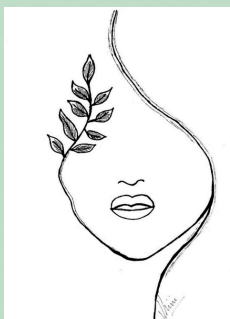
DEEP WITHIN MY HEART, I FEEL FOR YOU
I SENSE THE UNSAID IS KILLING.
THE ECHO OF YOU TAKING MY NAME
PREVAILS AROUND ME
THE EYES SPEAK THE SECRETS THAT ARE
DEEP ENGRAVED
BUT DO YOU KNOW IT IS HARD TO GET OFF
FROM YOU?
THE THOUGHTS OF YOU RUSH MY MIND ALL
ACROSS
STILL, I FEEL ALIVE WITHIN YOU.

I KNOW IT NEEDS COURAGE TO SAY THE
UNSPOKEN
WHICH I COULD NOT GATHER YET
MY BODY FEELS BONDED WITH YOUR
RAPTURE
I FEEL CONTENTMENT IN YOUR ARMS
YET, UNSPOKEN TO YOU.

I ADMIT, I'M AFRAID TO LEAVE YOU
MY DIARIES ARE FULL OF LOVEMAKING
CONFRONTATIONS
YET, UNSPOKEN ABOUT YOU AND ME
ENTANGLING IN HER DEEP THOUGHTS,

SHE WAS WAITING FOR A SIGN TO ADMIT
THE UNSPOKEN
SHE WAS AFRAID TO LET HIM LOOSE
SHE WAS TERRIFIED TO LOSE HIS AURA
AROUND HER
SHE AWAITED TO FEEL CRAZY AND JOYFUL
WITH HIM AGAIN
UNTIL SHE COULD SAY THE UNSPOKEN
STILL, DEEP WITHIN MY HEART, I FEEL FOR
YOU
UNTIL THE KILLING OF UNSAID WENT
COSMIC

-Shivi Goyal
Artwork by Shivi Goyal



STAND

STAND on God's faithful promises
and His unfailing Word.

STAND trusting and believing
for your prayers are heard.

STAND when your heart
is breaking in two.

STAND when you don't know
what to do.

STAND when life is more than
you can bear.

STAND when you feel like
nobody cares.

STAND when things
look darker than night.

STAND when nothing seems
to be going right.

STAND when you feel like
you won't make it through.

STAND when others laugh
and call you a fool!

REMEMBER, through it all
You CAN STAND,

Because JESUS CHRIST our SAVIOR
Is holding your hand!
(Ephesians 6:10-18)
-Wanda J. Burnside

Depression Is Defeated!

if you are in need of deliverance, trust God
Let Him give you a life of a new start
Obey His word and be filled
with joy and strength
Jesus wants to save you from the sadness
and will go through great lengths
Feelings of guilt and worthlessness
will have to go
The word of God will nourish your mind
and help you to continue to grow
Depression is sadness and sent from
Satan, your soul's enemy
One touch from the Lord will
put your mind at ease
I decree laughter and joy will
be apart of your life
I declare healing from all pain and strife
God gives the gift of the Holy Ghost
to give power to the faint
Come to Jesus as you are and
sincerely repent
God will never ever let go of your hand
His anointing will allow
you to boldly stand
Depression in your life, God will
help you to overcome
You will hold your head up high because
with Jesus the victory is already won
-Jacquelyn Cobb



Poet's
Corner

The Spirit of the Lord

...Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty 2

Corinthians 3:17

Glory to your name,
I lift up the highest praise.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

It is His righteousness that enfolds me,
it is His salvation that guides me.

Glory to Your Name, Hallelujah Jesus!

It is His sacrifice that I am thankful.

It is His strength that I reach for.

Glory to Your Name, Hallelujah Jesus!

I thank you Lord for being my shepherd.

I thank you Lord for being my light.

Glory to Your Name, Hallelujah Jesus!

It is Your touch that makes me a walking testimony.

It is Your word that will bring forth my healing.

Glory to Your Name, Hallelujah Jesus!

The time is now. The reason is salvation;

Do you hear Him? Do you feel Him? Cry Aloud!

The flame of the Lord's fire is among us.

Glory to Your Name Hallelujah Jesus!

-Winona L. Thomas



WALK AWAY!

I am walking away from
All that I used to be,
And used to believe.

I don't want to hold on to
My dreadful past,
I won't let it last.

I refuse to let things
Take me out---
I won't live in doubt.

I am giving my life to God
I am casting it all,
Upon Him before I fall!

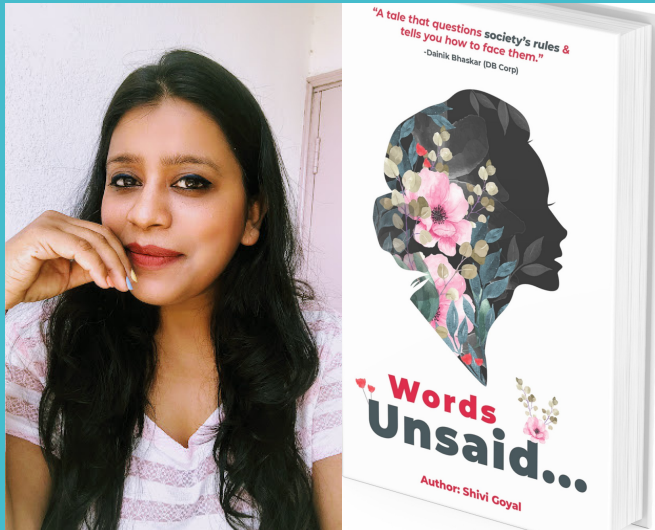
I am walking away from
What I used to say and do,
Dear Friend, You can too.
-Wanda J. Burnside

Encouragement For Today

Pray and talk to God about everything, be thankful in every
situation whether good or bad, and talk things out instead
of holding grudges so we can be unified.

-Jacquelyn Cobb

3 EMERGING AUTHORS TO WATCH OUT FOR!



SHIVI GOYAL

MULTIPLE FEATHERS IN HER HAT. SHE WEARS THEM ALL, WITH POISE AND CONVICTION. WORLD RECORD HOLDER AND AWARDEE OF NUMEROUS PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS FOR HER LITERARY WORK AND BOOKS, SHE IS AUTHOR SHIVI GOYAL. AUTHOR OF 3 BOOKS AND CO-AUTHORED 8 ANTHOLOGIES. IT'S NOT ONLY WORDS THAT DRIVE HER TO WRITE, IT IS HER PASSION FOR BOOKS, TRAVELLING, ART, CULTURE AND HUMANITIES THAT KEEPS HER GOING AND EXCELLING. SHE IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF MYSTOPEDIA CREATIONS – AESTHETICS OF A BRIGHT SMILE, UNDER WHICH YOU WILL GET ALL HANDMADE ARTWORK OF ALL SORTS. FOR HER CLIENTS SHE IS – CONTENT WRITER, CONTENT CREATOR, DIGITAL MARKETER, GHOST WRITER, VLOGGER/BLOGGER, POSITIVE INFLUENCER, SOCIAL MEDIA CONSULTANT, LIFE COACH, ABSTRACT ARTIST, AND ENTREPRENEUR.

HER BOOKS ARE EPITOME OF BRILLIANCE, WHERE SHE PENS DOWN HER LIFE EXPERIENCES AND LEARNINGS IN THE FORM OF PROSE, POEMS, VERSES, SHORT STORIES, ILLUSTRATIONS AND MUCH MORE. IF YOU BELIEVE IN THE POWER LOVE AND LIGHT GO CHECK HER BOOKS:

WORDS UNSAID...

A BOOK THAT CHALLENGES THE RULES MADE BY YOU AND ME. THIS BOOK IS AESTHETICALLY ILLUSTRATED WITH HER FRANK VIEWS AND EXPRESSIONS ON A PLETHORA OF NOTIONS PREVALENT IN SOCIETY. BREAKING THE MYTHS IS WORDS UNSAID...

GUILT – RIGHT OR WRONG? WHO DECIDES? WE DECIDE!

IT'S NOT WHAT WE DO ONCE IN A WHILE THAT SHAPES OUR LIVES, BUT WHAT WE DO CONSISTENTLY, CREATING A PATH FOR OUR GUILT FREE FUTURE. THIS BOOK WILL TAKE YOU TO A JOURNEY OF REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCES WHICH WILL IN TURN SUPPORT YOU TO GET OVER YOUR GUILT.

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CHRISTI MILLER

CHRISTI MILLER HAS ALWAYS BEEN A VORACIOUS READER AND VOWED TO ONE DAY WRITE A BOOK OF HER OWN. IT WASN'T UNTIL SHE SURVIVED NIGHTMARISH EVENTS IN HER FIRST MARRIAGE THAT SHE FELT DETERMINED TO PEN HER STORY FOR READERS.

CHRISTI CURRENTLY LIVES A VASTLY IMPROVED LIFE IN SAN ANTONIO WITH HER INCREDIBLE FAMILY AND THREE PERFECT DOGS. SHE CONTINUALLY FINDS JOY THROUGH VOLUNTEERING WITH ANIMAL ORGANIZATIONS, HER JOB THAT ISN'T REALLY WORK, COOKING, RELAXING ON THE TEXAS COAST, AND HANGING OUT WITH HER BEST FRIEND OF FORTY YEARS. IT'S NOT JUST A BUSINESS TRANSACTION IS HER FIRST BOOK.

Reach out on Instagram



DAN MARROW

I LIVE IN COLUMBUS, OHIO. I'LL BE MARRIED 30 YEARS AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022. I HAVE TWO ADULT CHILDREN, ONE TURNING 25, THE OTHER 29, BOTH THIS YEAR. THIS IS THE SECOND BOOK I'VE PUBLISHED.

I WRITE FAITH BASED FICTION, TRYING TO AVOID FORCING MY BELIEF ON READERS. I WANT TO PROVOKE THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO HAVE FAITH, TO ALLOW IT TO PERMEATE OUR DAILY LIVES WHEN IT'S ALL WE HAVE TO LEAN UPON.

*Reach out on
Instagram*

Get to know & support these Authors who will capture our literary hearts!



Q&A: WINONA L. THOMAS

Winona opens up about her writing process, writing tips, and more.

HER WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT?

""When you feel like you have writers block, find what motivates you. Pull out those celebratory moments, whether it was a past interview you did or a previous writing piece. Remembering your accomplishments gives you the encouragement that you can do this!"

HER TOP TIP FOR ASPIRING WRITERS?

"Don't forget about that book you started writing 6 month's ago, its time to finish the book! "

HER FAVORITE WINTER READ?

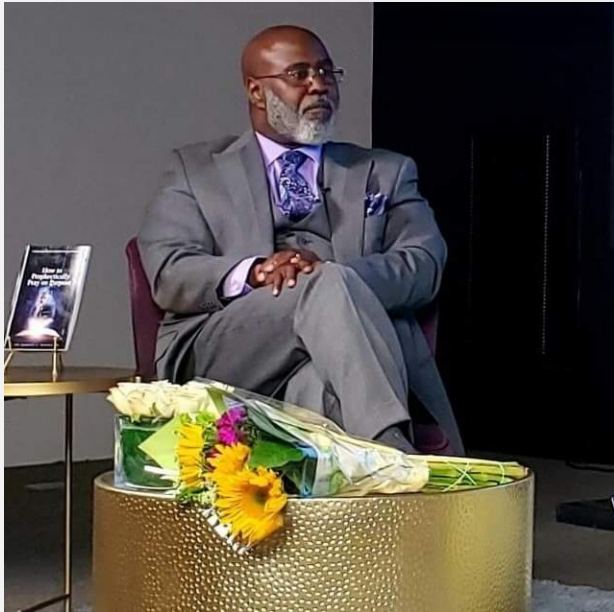
Becoming by Michelle Obama

ON HER FAVORITE POETS?

Langston Huges, Nikki Giovanni, Maya Angelou, Edgar Alllen Poe

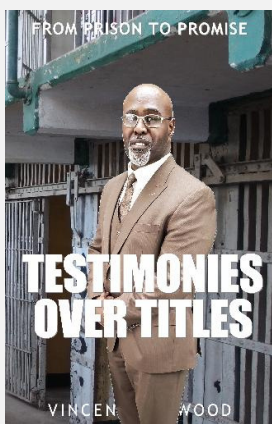


Meet Our Featured Author



Minister Vincent E. Haywood Sr.

In November of 1991, Vincent was sentenced to 20yrs imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for four counts of aggravated robbery. He served 11½ consecutive years behind bars and the remaining of his sentence (nine additional years) was served in society on parole. However, before being released from prison, the Lord found him. He was called into the ministry at the age of 26. One might ask, "How does he know he was called? Let's just say, it was made crystal clear that the Hand of God was on his life before setting foot in TDCJ.



Born and raised in the City of Houston, Vincent graduated from Kashmere Sr High in 1984. He went on to serve four years in the United States Army, where he received an Honorable Discharge. In May of 1999 Vincent graduated from Alvin Community College with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. He would go on to enroll in the University of Houston majoring in Psychology; however, after two years into the university Vincent dropped out to give more focus to raising his family of three.

Vincent has written his first of many books to come, entitled, "Testimonies Over Titles: From Prison to Promise" where he becomes very transparent in his journey from Repentance to Restoration. An autographed copy of his book can be purchased on his website: 17andbeyondlc.com/book as well as on Amazon in eBook or paperback form.

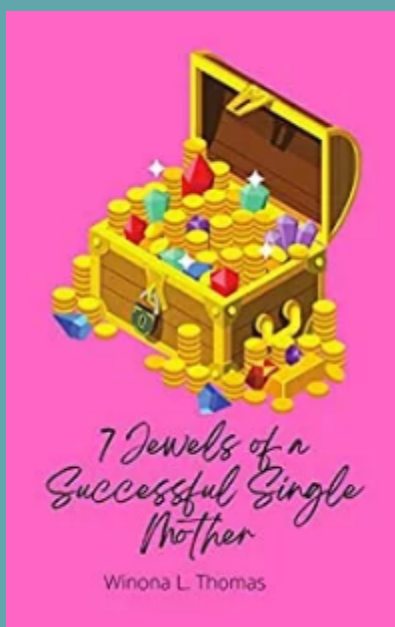
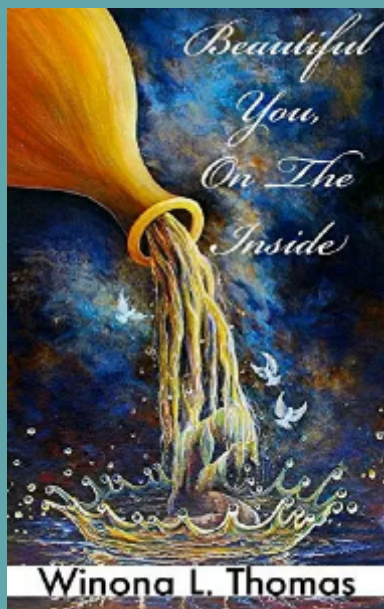
In September of 2006 Vincent joined the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 450 and was a member until September of 2018. A year later Vincent would begin Vincent's 17andBeyond Life Coaching, now 17andBeyond CM&C, LLC, where he coaches, mentors, and provides commuting services for graduating teens, young adults and those in of transportation services. Now, a license/ordained minister, certified master life coach, publish author, public speaker, and founder of the 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization The 17andBeyond Foundation, where his goal is to create Ability Homes for graduating seniors and young adults.

Vincent now leads Got V.O.I.C.E Prison Ministry as a licensed/ordained minister under the Covering of Bishop Ed Johnson at Christ Worship Center in Houston, TX. He's Owner/Manager of 17andBeyond CM&C, LLC, a private practice that provides coaching, mentoring, and commuting services for graduating teens, young adults, and millennials, with an expressed interest in African American males, boys, and men.

Catch the live interview with Minister



Haywood



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