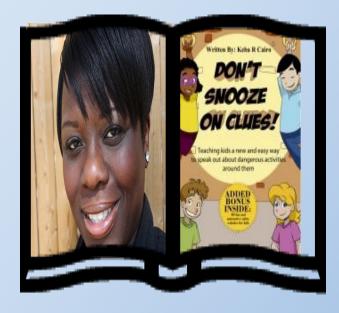


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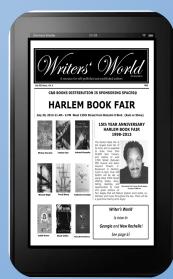
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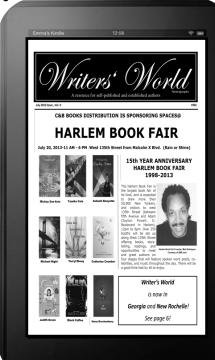


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their news in a digital mat and the number growing. That is more than

television, radio and print combined! The increasing popularity can be attributed to the number of young people who rely heavily on smart devices for everything from music and games to the weather for up to the minute reporting. Does this mean the newspaper in print is dead? Hardly! There are still those who pay to keep the neighborhood paper boy/girl employed. America has read the newspaper since its inception. However, Germany is credited for the first newspaper in circulation as early as the 1400's.



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Quotation

" MARKS"

Man's soulful smile Is indeed a perfect expression Of his inner peace.
A simple man will have only What he needs, And he will know the difference Between what he needs And what he wants.
Do not Blame the world. Find A solution.
The world exists Just because love Still exists on earth.
Everything that is beautiful And fruitful Grows on our life's Humility-tree.

-Sri Chinmoy!





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Author's spotlight

We put the spotlight on Author, Keba R. Cairo in this issue. She discusses her journey to becoming author, her book and more!

Q: What was your life like before becoming an author?

A: Before becoming an author, I worked in the marketing/community outreach industry for over 10years for various companies, such as: MTA Capital Construction, NYC Department of Health, Power105.1 FM and E! Entertainment to name a few.

Q: What inspired you to write the books?

A: After having to explain the tragedy of Sandy Hook elementary school shooting to my then 8year old son, I wanted to establish grounds that he can feel comfortable alerting me of potentially dangerous situations that make him feel uncomfortable.

Q: How did you start writing?

A: I first drafted the message I wanted to convey to children.

Q: How personal is your writing?

A: I then decided it was necessary for all families to establish this kind of communication with their children, and that is what inspired me to write this book.

Q: Which comes first? The character's story or the idea for the novel?

A: I wanted all kids to understand and to grasp the message of "speaking out". Once I had the text, I began to work on illustration.

Q: What are your favorite authors/books?

A: My taste for books spread very wide, from Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown, to

Instinct by Bishop T.D. Jakes, to The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman, to Push by Sapphire, to Dancing in the Wings by Debbie Allen and Kadir Nelson (to my daughter).

Q: If you could have dinner with an author, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

A: Not sure!

Q: What sparked the idea for your novel, Don't Snooze on Clues!

A: The idea of the book was sparked out of necessity for educating children on safety.

Q: What was your favorite part of the book?

A: My favorite part of this book is empowering children with a code word that allows them to alert adults of strange and suspicious activities.

Q: What was the hardest part to write in the book?

A: The hardest part of writing this book was to condense such a large topic into something simple and brief that kids can understand.

Q: What did the author wish was different about the book?

A: I love it!! nothing needs to change.

Q: What will the reader gain from this book?

A: Children readers will gain confidence to "speak out" and parents will gain a common language with their kids to be alerted of danger.

Q: Where can we find your books?

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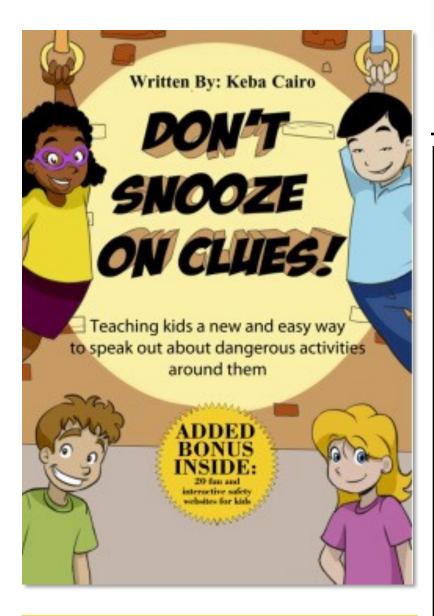
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A: Don't Snooze On Clues! could be purchased at Amazon.com and B&N.com and e-book is available on Amazon-Kindle. For more information you can visit www.DontSnoozeOnClues.com

Q: How can fans stay connected?

A: Fans can stay connected by join our mailing listing;

<u>www.DontSnoozeOnClues.com</u>, or on our social media <u>Twitter.com/KebaCairo</u>, <u>Instagram.com/KebaCairo</u>



Writer's Key

Use double quotation marks (" ") to enclose a direct quotation: After telling the family that young men today "think work is a four-letter word," Grandma Moses said she laughed with her daughter. EX: "Faith without works", wrote Jesus, "is dead."



Keba R. Cairo, Author

Death of The Black Owned, Independent Book Stores

By Troy Johnson,
Founder of AALBC.com

One of the very first things I put on AALBC.com's web site, back in 1999, was a list of independent, Black owned, bookstores. This list was very difficult to maintain and over the years various individuals contributed to help keep it up to date. My list, unfortunately, had not been updated since 2007.

Nkiru Books, a Brooklyn based institution founded in 1977, closed in 2002 (not included on list below) – Photo Credit: Marcia Wilson The Good News First: In a joint effort, that included ABLE (The Alliance for Black Literature and Entertainment), Huria.org and AALBC.com, the out of date list of independent, Black owned, bookstores was revived and updated into database driven directory with maps, social media, photos and more. The new bookstore database was launched today today and is available at Huria.org and here on:

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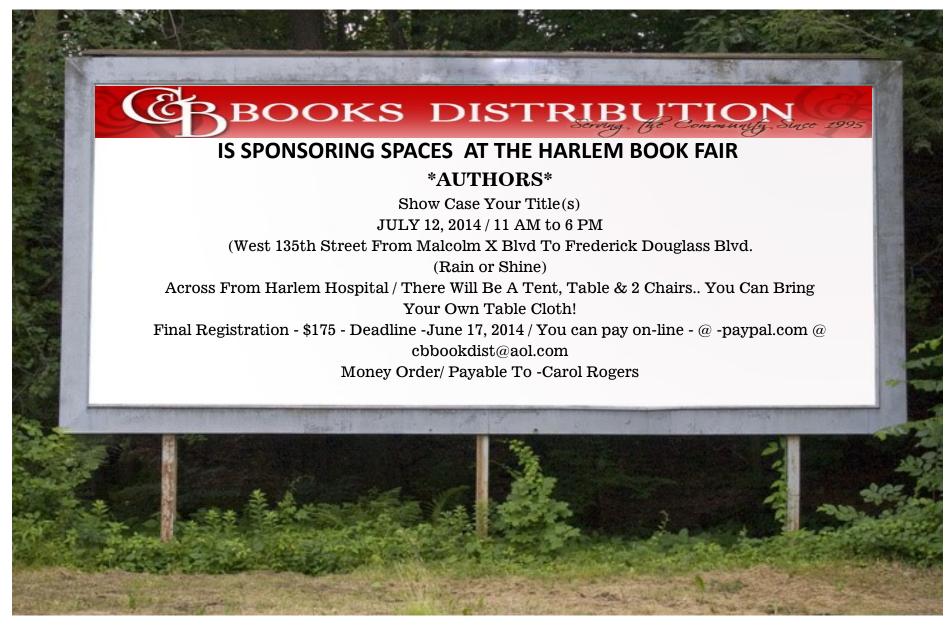
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Stamp of Approval!

his year the 37th stamp, featuring Shirley Chisholm, was released. If you don't know your history Shirley Chisholm, was the first African American woman ever elected to Congress. After being elected to Congress, in 1972, she became the first "African American Woman" to seek nomination for presidency with a major political party. She later wrote of her unsuccessful bid, "The next time a woman runs, or a black, or a Jew or anyone from a group that the country is 'not ready' to elect to its highest office, I believe that he or she will be taken seriously from the start... I ran because somebody had to do it first." Shirley Chisholm, was also a member of the original BLACK ENTERPRISE Magazine Board of Advisors when the magazine was founded in 1970 by Publisher Earl G. Graves, Sr. She joined the board, along with such luminaries as late business pioneers

Henry Parks, founder of Parks Sausage Co., and Freedom National Bank's William Hudgins as well as civil rights and political leaders John Lewis and Julian Bond, help establish the magazine as a force for African American business development and financial empowerment-planks that could be prominently found on her legislative agenda. The stamp was released at an official ceremony at Brooklyn Borough Hall on January 31, 2014 at 11 A.M. The stamp design shows a painting by Robert Shetterly of Chisholm against a blue background. The portrait is one of a series of paintings by the artist titled "Americans Who Tell the Truth." Let's Make Shirley Chisholm, Proud By Remembering To Purchase Her Stamp.





POET'S CORNER

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Still I Rise..

You may write me down in history With your bitter, twisted lies, You may tread me in the very dirt But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you? Why are you beset with gloom? 'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns, With the certainty of tides, Just like hopes springing high, Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken? Bowed head and lowered eyes? Shoulders falling down like teardrops. Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own back yard.

You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?

Does it come as a surprise

That I dance like I've got diamonds

At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame I rise

Up from a past that's rooted in pain I rise

I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide, Welling and swelling I bear in the tide. Leaving behind nights of terror and fear I rise

Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear I rise

Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,

I am the dream and the hope of the slave.

I rise

I rise

I rise.



Maya Angelou

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Poetry Submissions

Writers' World is accepting clean, entertaining original submissions for THE POET'S CORNER. DEADLINE: August 30, 2014. Email submissions in word format and your photo in jpeg format to: writersworldnewspaper@gmail.com.

Press Kits

I recall a conversation with my former publicist where she stated, "Paper press kits are a thing of the past. No one uses them anymore because they prefer the electronic version." This was my first time working with a publicist so I was inclined to take her at her word. However, I discovered very quickly this is not entirely true. While the electronic press kit made things easier in her world, it didn't in mine.

When it came to scheduling appearances in bookstores, I was always asked for two things; a hard copy of my book and some information about it. The bookstore owners wanted something tangible in their hands to determine if my product was right for their consumers. My paper press kit which accompanied my book received more compliments and opened more doors than I could have imagined. I received compliment after compliment on the professionalism of my presentation. In addition, I was told how most authors just send their book with contact information and maybe a sales sheet. These owners expressed those presentations didn't allow them to get to know the author so they declined to allow those authors to make an appearance at their store.

While the world of internet has opened some great doors to communication, it appears it can't and won't replace the sense of a genuine connection. Let's face it; a genuine connection is needed and we are in the business of providing this as authors!

I look forward to your comments and suggestions! - Until then...

Article by <u>Catherine Crumber</u> (Featured in an online discussion) <u>@pvecat</u> / <u>facebook.com/ccrumber</u>

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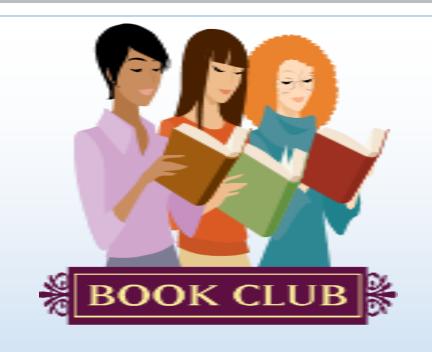


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A Writer's Dream

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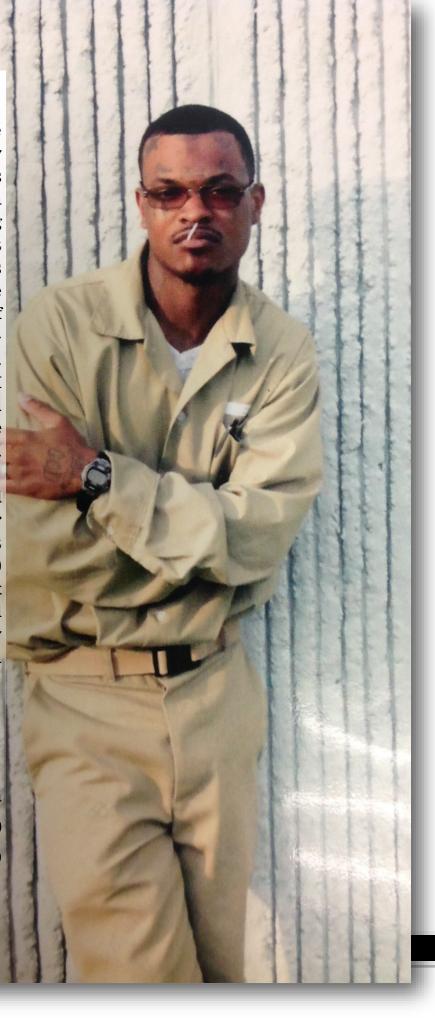
H i c k s

To begin with, I have been in the streets all my life. At the age of 13, I watched my mother die from cancer with my own eyes which forced me to help to raise my brothers and sister. The first time, I wrote something great was a poem I wrote for my mother's funeral. through me coming to prison I finally got a chance to sit down and put a great book together. I thank god everyday for my talent which is writing. Writing gave me a second shot at life. Most people do not get a second chance in life thank god everyday of my life for letting me meet my good friend and mentor Michael Minkah Norwood; he is a true example of change. Mr. Norwood helped me [put my words into a book]. If I did not come to prison most likely I would've still been in the street life. writing has opened doors for me to have b e a e 1. 1

I am looking for someone to invest \$2000 in me and I feel in my heart that it is a 100% chance we will make your money back. because books are like oil, they will never get old. money will always come in from them. I will need 500 books printed at \$3 a copy and they will sell for \$15 a book so that will bring in a total of \$7500. You the investor will make a 40% profit. This is better than the bank. I already have Moorish publisher waiting to print my books. You can contact me at:

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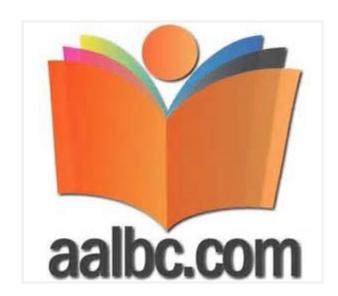
Here is the Bad News: When I looked over the results of our Bookstore research, my heart fell as I discovered more than 2 out of 3 stores that were in business just a few years ago are now closed. I've shared the list of the closed bookstores below. I have nothing more meaningful to add. The list speaks for itself....

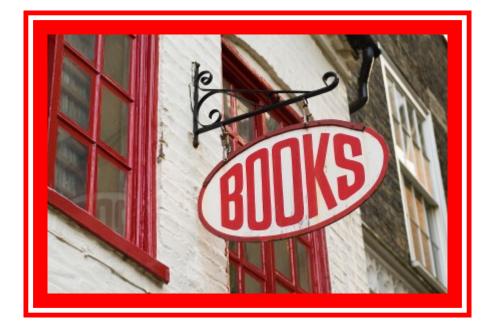
Only 54 Black Owned Bookstores Remain in America. This is a follow up to an article Death of the Black Owned, Independent, Bookstore, we originally published in March of 2012. The article highlighted the fact the we had lost 66% of our Black owned bookstores over the previous decade. Two years later almost half of the stores still open in 2012 have closed. If you believe in the importance of bookstores, which are dedicated to books by or about people of African descent, go out of your way to support one. Do we want to see an America where the ONLY place Black books can be purchased is from Amazon? Do we really want Amazon to have that responsibility—all by themselves?

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Hills, NY

Dorothea's African-American Books and

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Dygnyti Books - Hamden, CT

Dynasty Bookstore, Eastland Mall – Char-

lotte, NC

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Education 2000+ Bookstore - Long Beach,

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za - St. Croix,

Ethnic Elegance – Jacksonville, FL

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thought long and hard

about tough decision of closing store in 2011]

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Bookstore - Jonesboro, GA

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Peek-A-Boo Books II, Wheaton Mall - Wheaton, MD

People's Books & Gifts – Springfield, OH

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mond, VA

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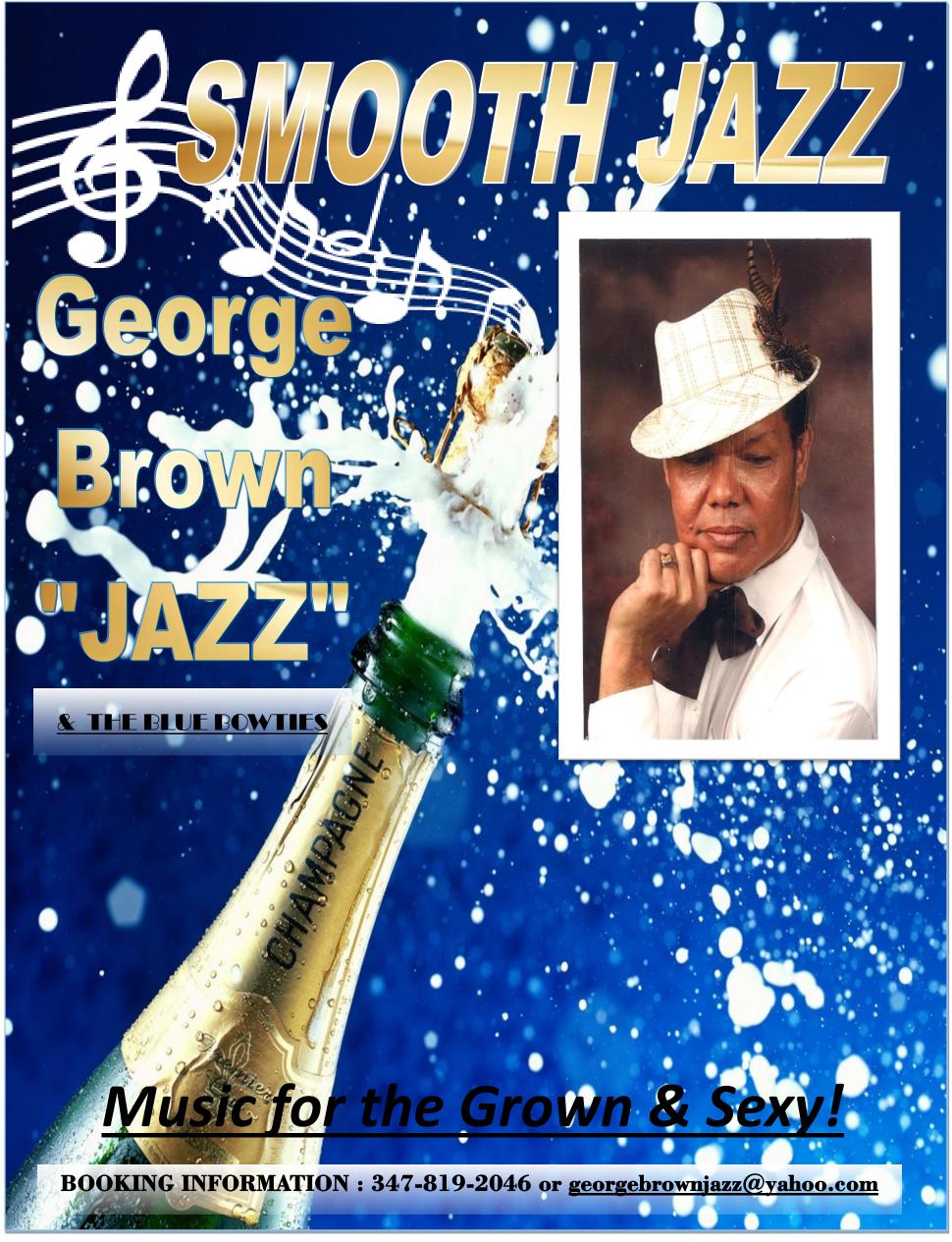
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