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My Mother's Child
by
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Synopsis: Lyric Stokes lives, by most standards, a charmed life. Married to Michael Stokes, a prominent heart surgeon, she has financial security and lives in the lap of luxury. All is not perfect, though. Lyric feels inadequate because she gave birth to a daughter, rather than the son that her husband so desperately wanted.

After an unexpected turn of events, Lyric discovers that she's pregnant again, but now she has to decide whether she even wants to keep the child she has longed for. She seeks solace in her church, where her daughter also feels at home; but they can't get Michael to join them. Disagreeing with organized religion, he has put his job before all else, including God. The distance between the couple grows further every day.

Nigel Fredericks has a history of stalking women. He's been accused, but never convicted. Now he's set his sights on Lyric. She's at a low point in her life, and Nigel knows just how to take advantage of that vulnerability. Lyric's life is turned upside down; Nigel is like a cancer eating away at her mental stability, her marriage, and ultimately, her life. Will Michael reevaluate his priorities and his faith in time to save his family?

Author Bio: Ms. Abrams is currently signed to Urban Christian, an imprint of Urban Books/Kensington. She's a full-time novelist and best-selling author of *My Mother's Child* (the anticipated sequel to *Divorcing the Devil*), *Married Strangers*, *Divorcing the Devil*, *Only True Love Waits*, *The Scream Within*, and *Favor* (a short story appearing in *The Midnight Clear* anthology). Her sixth novel will be released by Urban Christian in 2011.

Availability: Copies of *My Mother's Child* are available wherever books are sold.

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BIOGRAPHY

Dwan Abrams



Originally from St. Petersburg, Florida, Dwan Abrams has lived throughout the United States and Europe. When she graduated from King's Academy High School in New Jersey with honors, she enlisted in the United States Air Force where she served honorably for four years. Her achievements included an early promotion to Senior Airman and numerous awards. She graduated from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a B.S. in Marketing.

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In addition to being a full-time novelist, Ms. Abrams is a journalist, freelance editor, professional speaker, and publisher. Her articles have appeared in *Images of Us* and *Nesting Solo* magazines, and online at YourBlackWorld.com. She worked as the fashion editor for FIERCE411.com, a top site for women. Additionally, she's the founder, publisher, and editorial director of Nevaeh Publishing, LLC a small press independent publishing house. She's the founder and facilitator of the Just Write! Workshop.

She was inducted into the 2006 and 2010 "Who's Who" in Black Atlanta. Currently, Ms. Abrams resides in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia with her family.

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Interview Questions

Tell us about your fifth novel, *My Mother's Child*. *My Mother's Child* is the standalone sequel to my bestselling novel, *Divorcing the Devil*. *My Mother's Child* takes the reader into the psychotic world of stalker Nigel Fredericks who made a single appearance in *Divorcing the Devil*. Reader favorite, Dr. Skyler Little, also from *Divorcing the Devil*, makes a cameo in *My Mother's Child*. I think the readers will enjoy the tale of suspense and unconditional love.

What inspired you to write *My Mother's Child*? With the way *Divorcing the Devil* ended, I had to write a sequel. I received so many emails from readers asking the same question, "Who's Nigel?" I had readers tell me they flipped back through the book trying to figure out if they missed something. I knew people would want to know more about Nigel, so I gave them what they wanted in *My Mother's Child*.

Tell us about your journey to publication. When I initially entered the literary arena, I had one of the agents listed on the predator's list. Of course, I didn't know that at the time. When I finally found out, I was devastated. I was so frustrated that I seriously considered giving up writing altogether. I'm thankful that I did not obey my flesh. Instead, I followed my spirit...at least partly. I released my first novel in 2004, and it was self-published. It was also a secular novel. Not long after that, I read my first Christian fiction novel and realized that was the genre in which I wanted to write. I quickly finished my first inspirational novel, *Only True Love Waits*, which won the 2007 Pen of the Writer POWER Award. Within four months after releasing *Only True Love Waits*, I contributed a short story to the Christian anthology, *The Midnight Clear*, and completed the manuscript for *Divorcing the Devil*. The funny thing is that I only submitted *Divorcing the Devil* to one publishing house, Urban Christian, an imprint of Urban Books/Kensington. From there, I landed a two-book deal. My last three books were published by Urban Christian with a fourth slated to be released in 2011.

You own a small press independent publishing house, Nevaeh Publishing. Tell us about your company and how you got started. I wanted to become a publisher because I know how difficult it can be for first time authors to get published. My company works closely with up and coming authors and educates them on writing, marketing and promoting, and the publishing industry.

What advice do you have for aspiring writers? Don't give up and keep on writing. Write something every day if you can. That'll get you in the habit of writing. And of course, read a lot of craft books and read for pleasure. Just read, read, read. Did I mention that every writer should read?

What's next for Dwan Abrams? I plan to conduct more Just Write! Workshops, release some eBooks, and market and promote my current books. My sixth novel will be released in 2011. I'm currently working on the manuscript for a series. Readers can visit me on the Web at www.dwanabrams.com to find out what's going on in my world.