

Sugar & Spice

Always Reading Somethin' & You Got That Right!

January 2012

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Words from Our President

Happy New Year Sugar & Spice!!!!!!

I would like to take this time to wish you all a happy, healthy & safe New Year. 2012 promises to be a great year for us, between the many literary events and our monthly meetings and the new releases that are coming out in 2012. Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for our Holiday celebration diner. A good time was had by all. Frankie and her sister did a wonderful job serving everyone and making sure everyone needs were met. We were all treated to special glimpse into Wilbur's book, and I am sure I speak for us all when I say we cannot wait for it to be on the bookshelf. Please take a moment and visit my blog which I will be talking about a little bit of everything and please don't forget to leave your comments.

"A nation or civilization that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on an installment plan."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

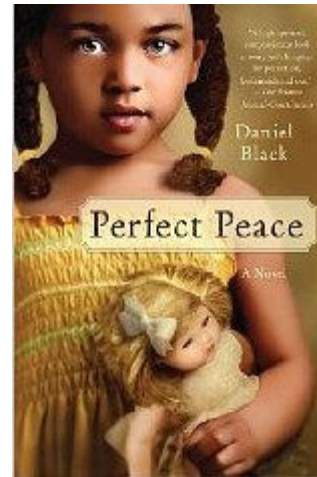
Happy birthday Dr. King. We will never forget your sacrifice.

Thoughts on Book of the Month

Daniel Black's *Perfect Peace* is a heartfelt tale of a young child, whose life is turned upside down at the tender age of eight. Unfortunately, it's Perfect's very own mother who has caused devastation in her young life. I read the book on my Kindle and could not put my Kindle down. There were many heartbreaking parts of the book but the story was captivating. Mr. Black is a master at storytelling. I found myself not only invested in Perfect, but many of the other characters. This story is a must read for sure!

Tawanna

January's Book of the Month Daniel Black's *Perfect Peace*



Book synopsis: Black explores the fateful decision of Emma Jean Peace to raise her seventh son, Perfect, as the daughter she has always wanted. Her plan, nutty as it is, works out until Perfect is eight years old and his blind older brother, Bartimaeus, makes an innocent discovery about his sister's body. Soon after, Perfect's friends begin talk of womanhood, prompting Emma Jean to reveal to Perfect the truth. So begins an education for Perfect—rechristened Paul—on manhood while his small Arkansas town casts an unforgiving eye on its newest curiosity. While the rural South backdrop is overly familiar and the dialogue is painfully hoary (What chu talkin' 'bout, Emma Jean?), Black manages a nuanced exploration of sexual identity and social structures without elevating his characters to angels or martyrs.

Both the November and December books will be discussed at the January's meeting.

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Recipe of the Month:

Mama's Gonna Make it Right Chicken Soup

1 cut up cooked chicken or left over chicken
1 16oz. box of chicken stock
3 chicken bouillon cubes/ mixed in a cup of water
1 medium onion chopped
2 celery stalks chopped
3 bay leaves
Pasta (noodles, spaghetti or whatever you like)
1 box of frozen mixed vegetables
Salt & pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients except pasta & vegetables in large stock pot, bring to a boil.

Reduce flame and simmer for 1 hour, in meantime run cold water over vegetables in colander and set aside

After the 1 hr. add vegetables & pasta and continue to simmer until pasta is done.

Remove bay leaves before serving

Spoon into a bowl add some homemade bread or crackers on the side and enjoy

Sugar & Spice Book Club Lobster Fest

May 5, 2012

Departing from Brooklyn @ 7 am on Nostrand and St. Marks and the Bronx @ 8 am on 3rd Avenue and East 184th Street

Upcoming Literary Events

8th Annual Cavalcade of Authors 2012 Oct.12-14, 2012 in Chicago

National Black Book Festival June-8-10, 2012 in Houston Texas

RT Book Lovers Convention April 11-15, 2012 in Chicago

Web sites to know

Black Pearls Magazine online-
www.blackpearlsmagazine.com

Hot Literary News

Eva Tremaine & Lubran Edwards Book Release -
"Seven Again: Coming Full Circle"
www.evatremaine.com

Faye Thompson -"Red Hot Pepper"
www.fayethompson.com

Local Events:

We Love to Read in Queens Book Fair - January 21, 2012 10 am -6pm @ Black Spectrum Theater, Baisley Blvd & 177th street

New York Meet & Greet hosted by D.V.A Divine BC - January 21, 7pm-10pm @ Ripley Grier Studios 520 8th Ave. NY, NY

Upcoming Releases

JANUARY 2012

[All I Did Was Shoot My Man by Walter Mosley](#)

[Golddigger's Club by Jaye Cherie](#)

[The Family Business by Carl Weber and Eric Pete](#)

[Passing Love by Jacqueline Lockett](#)

[Real Wifey's Get Money by Meesha Mink](#)

[Running the Rift by Naomi Benaron](#)

[A Slave in the White House by Elizabeth Dowling Taylor](#)

[Sinners and Saints by Victoria Christopher Murray and ReShonda Tate Billingsley](#)

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[The Stalker Chronicles by Electa Rome Parks](#)

[What Kind of Fool by Rhonda McKnight](#)

[White Lines II by Tracy Brown](#)

Upcoming Meetings

February – Hosted by Danielle and Josette,
Book - SUSPICIONS BY SASHA CAMPBELL

March - Hosted by Gail, Tawanna and Asha,
Book – Seven Again: Coming Full Circle by Eva
Tremaine and Lubran Edwards

April - OPEN MONTH

May – Hosted by Michele and Annie and Darryl

June – Hosted by Tatia, Suzie and Harold / OPEN
HOUSE TO NEW MEMBERS

July - NO MEETING

August - NO MEETING

September – Hosted by Ashanti and Wilbur,
Book -FIVE SMOOTH STONES BY ANN
FAIRBAIRN

October – Hosted by Sandra

November - BOOK CLUB HOST THE MEETING

December - CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Reminders

Member of the Month

Member of the month will receive their choice of
dues waved for the month or \$20 Barnes &
Noble gift card

- 1) Must be in good standing
- 2) Post review of book of the month &
another book from list provided by
Pres. Reviews should be posted by 1
week before book club meeting

Member of the Year

The member who has received member of the
month at least 4x, attended at least one

recommended literary event and participate in
or give back events, and participate in our
fundraising efforts. You must also have read the
books on Alicia 2011 must-reads and post
reviews.

The member of the year will receive a gift value
at \$200

All members are asked to insure Tawanna has a
valid email address so you can receive Book
Club Information. Please do not forget to review
the books and post the reviews on amazon.com
or barnesandnobles.com. You should also send
the review to Tawanna so she can post it on the
website. Alicia handed out review forms to
assist you with your review writing. We will also
be selecting a Member of the Month. Please
remember to visit us on Facebook.

Sugar and Spice is on Twitter!!!

If you want to post something about the great
things we are doing. You can access the account
by going to www.twitter.com

User username: sandsbkclub

Email Tawanna or Alicia for password.

Birthdays

Ashanti 1/7

Michelle 1/8