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Happy Father's Day

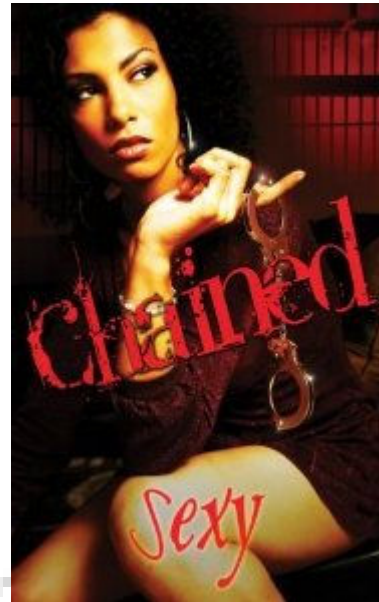
Sugar & Spice would like to wish all the fathers a happy and joyous father's day. It does not take much effort to conceive a child, but it takes great effort to "father" a child. We applaud all those that are taking on the responsibility of raising a child. The children are our future, so each time you take time to nurture a child, you are helping to shape the future. We send special love to Straw and Dad, our Sugar & Spice fathers. Enjoy your special day!

Last Month's Recap

Our May's meeting was hosted by Gail, Sandra and Tawanna. There was a light turn out but the club had a great meeting. Those who were not there missed it! Everybody walked away with a gift for answering questions from the book. Some walked away with more than one gift. The book discussion was on Teri Denine's *Lovers & Liars*. Everyone seemed to enjoy the book. Lovely gift bags were handed out that contained all kinds of treats.

Book of the Month

June's Book of the Month is
Chained by SEXY



Book synopsis: Sexy wrote an excellent fast-paced novel, CHAINED, which centers on two young Latina street hustlers, Jasmine (Jaz) Aviles and Tabitha (Trouble) Vargas, who ruled the section of Spanish Harlem around 100th Street and Lexington Avenue during the 1980s. They are so notorious that no one dares to mess with them. However, when Jaz is arrested and sent to jail, Trouble has to take over the turf while enemies and fair-weather friends attempt to overrun her. Meanwhile, Jaz finds love with another woman named Toni during her jail stint while pursued by a horny corrections officer. As soon as Jaz returns unexpectedly, war is waged as she gathers Trouble and their crew, the Geechees, to reclaim their turf. They clean up home and successfully show everyone who's boss. In the midst of the war, Jaz gives birth to twin boys, Damien and Devon. I will recommend this novel to every lover of literature because Sexy paces the story on the right lane from beginning to end. I loved the friendship between Jaz and Trouble as it remained intact before and after Jaz's incarceration. They trusted each other no matter what and that is what constitutes real friendship and loyalty.

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Members of the Month

Lydia



How long have you been a member of the book club? As one of the founders of the Sugar and Spice Book Club, I have been a member from day one.

Who is your favorite author? My favorite Author is J.C. Cooper

What is your favorite genre of reading? I really do not have a favorite genre when it comes to books because I truly enjoy reading all types as long as it has a good storyline that grabs me.

What do you like most about the book club? I love the fact that everyone has the same passion for reading, enjoys being in each other's company long enough to be able to discuss books as well as meet the authors that has written some of them.

What made you want to start a book club? Well I have always believed that if you read a good book, then you should pass it on either so someone else can enjoy it or recommend it as a good book to read. I felt that a book club would be the best place to continue practicing that method.

How do you feel about urban literature? Urban Literature teaches us about the street life. It helps you to be aware of all the things that are happening around us, and also takes you into the world of the drug lords, gangs, strippers, killers, places that people like myself would curious about. But in all honesty would not ever think about being a part of.

With everyone's busy schedule, when do you find time to read? At the end of the day is when I can relax and enjoy reading a good book. The weekends are a good time also. Surprisingly if I am on vacation

lying on the beach, I can read a book while soaking up the sun.

How did you come up with the name Sugar & Spice? Well I wanted a unisex name for the book club, Sugar for the ladies and Spice for the men. Bring them together as one and that's Sugar & Spice.

What else do you like to do when you are not working or reading? For years, I have been very active within the school system as an advocate for children. In my spare time, I have to work close with the Parent's Coordinator of my children's school. I have served as a member for District 5 Community Education Council Board, and a PTA President.

What's on your must read list this summer?

"The Quilt" By TD Jakes, "The Year It Snowed In April" By Eva Bottier, and "The Cartel " Part One by Ashley JaQuavis

Thanks Lydia

Tawanna



How long have you been a member of the book club? I have been a member since 2006.

Who is your favorite author? I have many favorites, but one of my top 10 is Dwayne Murray, Sr.

What is your favorite genre of reading? I like all types of books, but find myself drawn to thrillers.

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What do you like most about the book club? I love the friendships I have developed with many members of the book club. We are so much more than just a book club, we are a family.

Do you hold a position at the book club? Yes, I am the web designer and I publish the newsletters.

With everyone's busy schedule, when do you find time to read? I have a long train ride in the morning and evening, so I do most of my reading then. Sometimes I get some time at home on the weekends.

What are you reading now? Charge it to the Game by Michele Fletcher.

What else do you like to do when you are not working or reading? Well, I am a Plus Size Model and Actress and have appeared on TV, in magazines, done several runway shows and I help designers make clothing for plus size models. I was most recently casted for an Off Broadway Play. I absolutely love it. I am also writing a book called Unstable that I pray it will be released later this year.

What is the book about?

The book is a psychological thriller about a little girl who goes through a very traumatic experience as a child. She internalizes her pain and in time, becomes a serial killer. I am very excited about my upcoming book. I have already started working on my next book, which I am co-authoring.

Thanks Tawanna

Author Spotlight for June

Walter Moseley - www.waltermosley.com



Walter Moseley is one of the most versatile and admired writers in America today. He is the author of more than 34 critically acclaimed books, including the major bestselling mystery series featuring Easy Rawlins. His work has been translated into 21 languages and includes literary fiction, science fiction, political monographs, and a young adult novel. His short fiction has been widely published, and his nonfiction has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine* and *The Nation*, among other publications. He is the winner of numerous awards, including an O. Henry Award, a Grammy and PEN America's Lifetime Achievement Award. He lives in New York City.

Book, *Known to Evil* - Walter Moseley and his new hero, Leonid McGill, are back in the New York Times - bestselling mystery series that's already being hailed as a classic of contemporary noir. Leonid McGill has been hired by New York City's ultimate power broker, Alfonse Rinaldo, the fixer who seems to control every little thing that happens in New York City, has a problem that even he can't fix. What Rinaldo can't handle on his own, Leonid doesn't really want to know. But he's a client you can't say no to, and so McGill sets off to track down a young woman for reasons no one will explain to him. Everyone's motives are murky in McGill's world; that, he's used to. What he's not quite accustomed to is his own recent commitment to the straight and narrow, a path that still seems to lead him directly to the city's crookedest corners and down its darkest alleys, where his most unsavory acquaintances become his most cherished allies. In *Known to Evil*, Moseley shows us New York City, as we've never seen it before, emphatically confirming his own reputation and firmly establishing Leonid McGill as one of the mystery world's most iconic, charismatic leading men.

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Recipe of the Month

Baked BBQ Chicken



Ingredients: 4 - 6 chicken leg quarters, salt, pepper, spray canola oil, favorite barbecue sauce, chopped onions, 2/4 cup cilantro, chopped

- Clean the chicken real good
- Spray non-stick pan with canola oil
- Season chicken with salt and pepper
- Brown the chicken stove-top
- Set oven to 375 degrees
- Prepare a rack for oven, covered in foil to bake the chicken.
- Add chopped onions to your barbeque sauce
- Brush browned chicken with barbeque sauce and place in oven for 20 minutes.
- Remove chicken, brush again with sauce and place back in oven for 35 – 40 minutes
- Sprinkle with chopped cilantro

Upcoming Releases

Slow Love by Dominique Browning

In My Father's House by E. Lynn Harris

Be U - Be Honest, Be Beautiful, Be Intentional, Be Strong, Be You! by Mary Mary

Diary of a Mad First Lady by DiShan Washington

Upcoming Events

Literary conference 2011: More information will be provided. If any member has a suggestion, please contact the President or VP.

Upcoming Meeting

June's meeting will be our Open House on Saturday, June 26 at 5:00 pm in Rochdale. Please invite your friends, family, authors and fellow readers.

Reminders

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.

Birthdays – None this month

Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers, especially our President Alicia.