

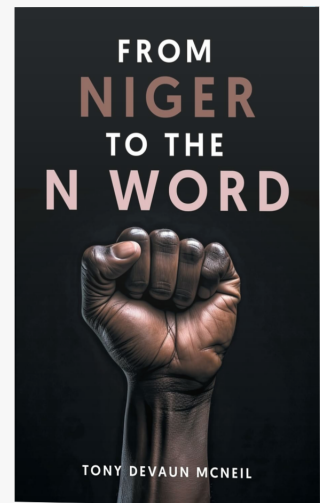
Authors Share Powerful Stories of Racism, Faith, Mental Health, and the Human Experience

Five authors offer unique perspectives on overcoming adversity, finding hope, and embracing the journey of life on The Maple Staple's shelves.

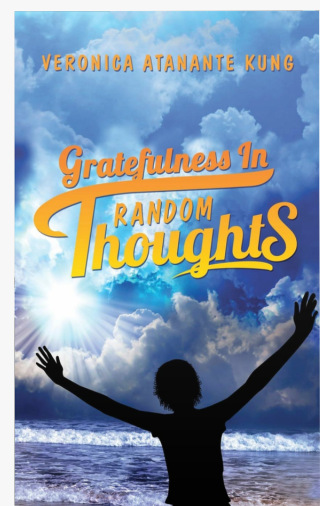
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/EINPresswire.com/ -- In this collection of thought-provoking books, five diverse authors present powerful narratives that delve into the human spirit's capacity to overcome challenges. From battling racism and societal injustice to navigating mental health struggles and rediscovering faith, each book offers a unique perspective on resilience and growth. Through poetry, personal reflections, and inspiring stories, these works encourage readers to embrace hope, find strength in adversity, and celebrate the beauty of life's journey.

Tony DeVaun McNeil's "From Niger To The N Word" delves into the historical roots of racism and its persistent impact on society today. The book offers a thorough exploration of how racial prejudice evolved, while providing minorities with strategies to make racism inconsequential in their daily lives. McNeil's writing is a call to action, urging readers to transcend societal labels and embrace unity,



From Niger To The N Word

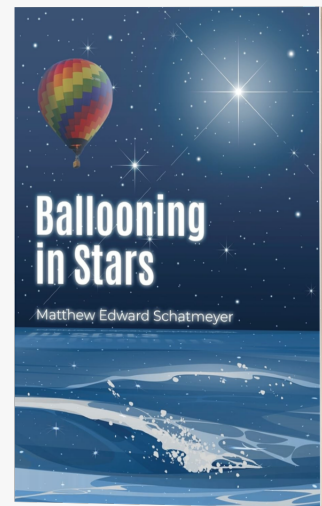


Gratefulness in Random Thoughts

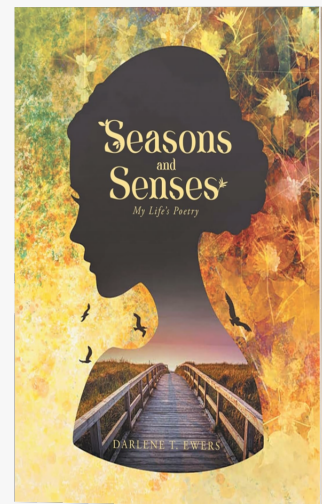
resilience, and self-empowerment.

With a combination of personal insight and historical analysis, McNeil not only highlights the struggles of marginalized communities but also presents practical approaches to overcome them. His message emphasizes the power of hope, knowledge, and compassion, making “From Niger To The N Word” both a reflective and motivational work. Ultimately, McNeil invites readers to foster change by challenging racism and advocating for a world built on empathy and equality.

Tony DeVaun McNeil is a multifaceted writer, poet, journalist, and motivational speaker known for his empowering and inspirational work. Born in Vidalia, North Louisiana, McNeil began his writing journey in middle school and later served in the US Army Reserves, where he also pursued journalism. Over the years, he has authored several impactful books that address social issues, personal growth, and resilience. Currently residing in Lewiston, Idaho, McNeil works as a Peer Support Specialist with the Veterans Health Administration, continuing to inspire others through his writing and service to the community.



Ballooning in Stars



Seasons and Senses

Moving on to “Gratefulness in Random Thoughts” by Veronica Atanante Kung, the book offers an intimate glimpse into the author's personal struggles with schizoaffective disorder and her journey toward finding peace and purpose. Through reflective journaling and spiritual meditation, Kung shares how she navigates periods of deep loneliness, depression, and loss. The book focuses on the importance of trusting God and embracing faith, presenting writing as a powerful tool for coping with mental illness.

In this second book, Kung expands on the themes of her first work, continuing her path of

healing and growth. She candidly discusses her darkest moments but ultimately emphasizes the comfort, strength, and courage she finds through prayer and daily spiritual practice. Her story aims to inspire others facing similar struggles, offering hope and a reminder that they are not alone in their battles.

Veronica Atanante Kung is a resilient and inspiring author who has turned her personal challenges into powerful messages of hope and faith.

Immigrating from Hong Kong to the United States in 1988, Kung has lived with schizoaffective disorder since 1992, navigating its complexities while pursuing higher education and a career in writing. Her journey through mental illness and spiritual growth is reflected in her books, which combine personal reflections with a deep trust in God. Currently, Kung continues to use her writing as a means to offer support and encouragement to others facing similar struggles.



The Beginning - God's Creation: The Curious Maxx Series presents Storytime with Maxx

In "Ballooning in Stars", Matthew Edward Schatmeyer invites readers on a lyrical journey through the stages of a hot-air balloon ride, using this unique metaphor to explore themes of human connection and natural beauty.

The collection is divided into four chapters, each mirroring a distinct phase of the ballooning experience: 'Liftoff', 'Soaring', 'Flight', and 'Touchdown'. Through over eighty poems, Schatmeyer delves into a wide range of universal topics, from the ephemeral nature of time and the essence of being human, to love, laughter, and the pursuit of understanding. The poems are characterized by their emotional depth and lyrical grace, presenting a tender portrait of humanity.

Matthew Edward Schatmeyer is a poet whose work captures the beauty of human experience through lyrical and evocative verse. With a deep appreciation for the natural world and the intricacies of human connection, Schatmeyer crafts poetry that resonates with heartfelt emotion and optimism. His collection reflects his unique perspective on life and his commitment to celebrating the human spirit. Schatmeyer's poetic voice is both tender and insightful, offering readers a window into his reflective and imaginative approach to exploring life's timeless themes.

In "Seasons and Senses", Darlene Ewers presents a poignant collection of poems that reflect a

lifetime of experiences and deep personal reflections. Through her lyrical verses, Ewers offers a touching portrayal of the human experience, rooted in both her rural upbringing and her enduring faith.

Over 25 years, Ewers has woven together her observations of nature with her Christian faith, drawing from her childhood on a Kansas dairy farm. This debut collection explores themes of nature, faith, and personal growth, offering readers a window into the author's rich inner life and her connection to the world around her. The poems capture the essence of life's seasons and the sensory experiences that define human existence, making this collection a heartfelt tribute to both the natural world and spiritual introspection.

Darlene Ewers, a poet and lifelong reader, draws deeply from her experiences growing up on a dairy farm to inform her writing. Her early exposure to literature, including the cherished Little House books, shaped her love for words and storytelling. Now residing with her family, including four grown sons and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Ewers continues to find inspiration in her rich personal history and enduring relationships.

In "The Beginning - God's Creation", Joyce B. Whaley takes readers on a whimsical journey through the origins of the universe as depicted in a poetic retelling of creation. The narrative captures the awe-inspiring moment when God breathes life into the cosmos, setting stars, planets, and the moon into their celestial places.

This book is a delightful addition to the author's The Curious Maxx Series, bringing a fresh and imaginative perspective to the biblical account of creation. Whaley's storytelling intertwines the grandeur of cosmic events with a child-friendly narrative, making it accessible and engaging for readers of all ages. The richly illustrated text and the enchanting depiction of creation offer both educational and spiritual enrichment, encouraging readers to marvel at the intricacies of the world around them.

Joyce B. Whaley is deeply committed to conveying the Gospel of Jesus Christ through creative and engaging means, particularly for children. Her passion for introducing young minds to the divine through imaginative storytelling shines in her work. With a focus on making spiritual concepts accessible and relatable, Whaley uses her writing to bridge the gap between the invisible God and the hearts of her readers. Her dedication to sharing faith through storytelling reflects her belief in the transformative power of the Gospel.

In this compelling collection, five distinct authors deliver narratives that explore the resilience of the human spirit. Their works tackle themes of overcoming racism, societal injustice, mental health challenges, and the quest for faith, each offering a unique lens on personal and communal growth. Through evocative poetry, heartfelt reflections, and inspiring tales, these books invite readers to embrace hope, draw strength from adversity, and celebrate the enduring beauty of life's journey.

These engaging narratives are showcased on the Spotlight Shelves at [The Maple Staple](#) bookstore, and can be purchased through major online retailers like Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

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