

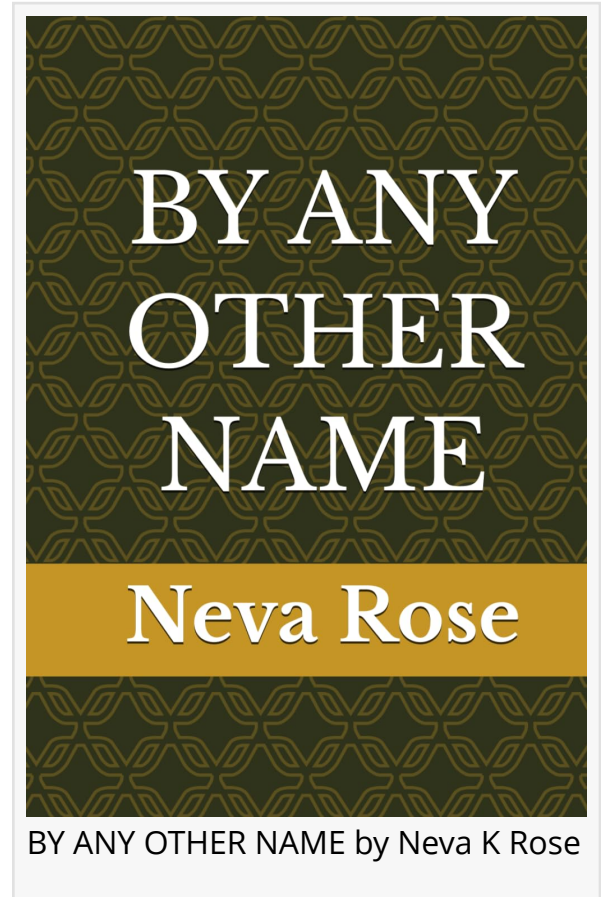
By Any Other Name Explores Family Secrets, Identity, and the Powerful Meaning Behind a Name

Neva Rose explores love, family history, and African American identity through a woman's discovery of truths that challenge everything she knows.

NEW YORK CITY, NY, UNITED STATES, August 31, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Author Neva Rose explores the complicated relationship between family history, personal identity, and the names people inherit in **BY ANY OTHER NAME**, an engaging work of fiction centered on discovery and belonging. Set against a period of national turmoil and upheaval, the story follows a woman whose journey into her family's past reveals truths that have remained hidden. Through that search, Rose considers how names, histories, and family roles can quietly influence the way individuals understand themselves and their place in the world.

The story takes a consequential turn when Rachel discovers her birth certificate and realizes that she does not fully understand the circumstances or implications surrounding her birth. That revelation opens the door to questions extending beyond a single document and into the history of her family. As Rachel searches for answers, **BY ANY OTHER NAME** connects personal discovery with broader themes of love, heritage, secrecy, and identity, demonstrating how learning the truth about the past can alter a person's understanding of both family relationships and selfhood.

Rose drew inspiration for **BY ANY OTHER NAME** from the enduring connections among love, identity, history, and family. Her story reflects an interest in the ways personal histories can remain concealed until an unexpected discovery forces them into view. Rachel's experience provides a compelling framework for examining what happens when familiar assumptions about family suddenly become uncertain, while also considering how identity develops through more than individual choices, with names, inherited histories, and family circumstances carrying meanings that can reach across generations.



Designed for readers who enjoy a quick, inspiring story filled with historical connections and family secrets, *BY ANY OTHER NAME* combines an accessible narrative with questions that extend beyond Rachel's personal experience. Rose gives particular attention to the significance society places on names and to the complicated relationship between names, history, and African American identity. These themes add depth to the unfolding family mystery, inviting readers to consider how a name can carry personal, cultural, and historical meaning while influencing perceptions of belonging and identity.

Early reader response highlights the novel's emotional pull and focus on self-discovery. In a five-star Amazon review, Sharron Slemmons wrote, "Excellent story. This book is a very compelling tale of a young woman's search for her identity, her truth. The story weaves through the ins and outs of her finding her place in the world. Great first book by a promising new author."

About the author

The first-time author is a native Houstonian. Prior to becoming an author, she had a successful and rewarding career in nursing. After 40 years in nursing, she retired and was able to pursue her interest in writing. Her other hobbies include painting, crafts, football, and fishing. As this is her first novel, it is set in the city she loves: Houston, which provides a comfort zone of familiarity for her writing. Houston will be prominently featured as the backdrop for future projects.

Neva has the great support of her wife, Sharron, and their loyal Cockapoo, Snowball.

The book is available at:

<https://a.co/d/0gyRhmk0>

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