



# Straight from the Pad

Monthly e-newsletter from Author K. R. Raye



Welcome to the May 2014 issue of *Straight from the Pad*!

What a fantastic and busy month! First more incredible news, National Indie Excellence Awards named *The Colors of Friendship* as a Finalist, making this the **second** award the book's received! In addition, *USA Today* reviewed all three books in the Colors Trilogy!!!

Click the titles below to read the *USA Today* reviews:

- [The Colors of Friendship](#)
- [The Colors of Love](#)
- [True Colors](#)



Book Divas On Tour with Sharon Lucas at The Just Want to Get Away Retreat

Throughout the month, I joined my fabulous [Book Divas On Tour](#) sisters, B.Swangin Webster and Dee Lawrence at multiple events starting with a stop at MGH. The next night Jerry Royce interviewed us for Positive Power 21 radio. The following weeks included presentations at the Maryland Writer's Association-Charles County Chapter and at Sharon Lucas' The Just Want to Get Away Retreat with guest motivational speaker, Cheryl Wood.

Another fun event was the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ladies in Red Tea for Art Appreciation hosted by the Harford County Alumnae Chapter of ΔΣΘ Sorority, Inc. And to cap it all off, I traveled to New York City to attend and sign books at Book Expo America (BEA), the largest publishing convention in the US. [Visit my website to see the pictures](#) of Mary Higgins Clark, Stan Lee, Brenda Jackson and many more!

Thanks again for your strong support. Until next month, Happy Reading!

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## The Colors of Friendship

Just received another award! National Indie Excellence Awards announced that *The Colors of Friendship* is a 2014 finalist in the African-American category. Here's what they said, "Congratulations! It is our great pleasure to inform you that you are a Finalist in the 2014 National Indie Excellence Awards. Your book truly embodies the excellence that this award was created to celebrate, and we salute you and your fine work!"



[Click here to purchase your paperback or e-book copy of The Colors Trilogy.](#) If you've already read the books, thank you and please leave an honest review on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and/or Goodreads.

## Upcoming Events

06/02/2014	Cyrus Webb interviews BDOT	Online
06/07/2014	ΔΣΘ-HCAC Book Club Discussion of <i>The Colors of Love</i>	Bel Air, MD
06/14/2014	Philly Book Festival in the Park	Philadelphia, PA
06/21/2014	Hockessin Art & Book Fair	Hockessin, DE
08/08-10/2014	National Book Club Conference	Atlanta, GA
10/10-12/2014	Creatures, Crimes & Creativity (C3)	Hunt Valley, MD
10/18-19/2014	Black Authors and Readers Rock	New Carrollton, MD