

Welcome to the September 2014 issue of Straight from the Pad!

Another fun month of events is complete and I'm preparing for a busy October. So, let's catch you up on the latest.

I started the month with an <u>interview with Dr. Afshan Hashmi</u>. It was my first video interview and a ton of fun. Thanks to Dr. Afshan for making the time fly by! We connected just like old friends.

Next up, I gave a presentation at the Perryville Library to aspiring authors. We discussed publishing, marketing, and social media options. We had such a good time that we went over our allotted hour by an hour and closed the library. Poor librarians had to shoo us out! <u>Read more in the *Cecil Whig*</u> newspaper article.



For a surprise event, I won two tickets to Frankie Darcell's Scandal Viewing Party with WDAS-FM at Philly Platinum Grille. We had a blast doing the Wobble, Bop, and other dances until the new season of Scandal started. Let's just say that Shonda Rhimes did it again. To top it off, I even won a gift bag for tweeting at the event!

Then I wrapped up the month by returning to the Baltimore Book Festival. This year the event was held at the vibrant, bustling Inner Harbor. I volunteered with both the Black Writer's Guild of Maryland and the Maryland Writer's Association. What a hilarious and entertaining way to spend a beautiful day! Excellent company and conversation with the added treat of getting to meet new readers and fans. As always, feel free to <u>view the photos</u> on my website.

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

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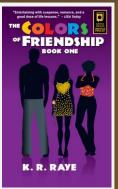
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The Colors of Friendship

Amazing 5-star review on Amazon!

"Once in a while, a book will come along that will not only capture your full attention, but make you want more after It's over. You will sit and ponder it for hours on end, trying to figure out how it relates to your own reality. The Colors of Friendship, by K.R. Raye, is that book. I read it with the intention of trying out something different. I'm used to reading

the romance/mystery/thriller genres, and figured this book would be a good break in between. Instead of just being a, "filler", this one truly sucked me in and captivated me from start to finish." -Veronica, 5-star review.



Upcoming Events

October 10-12:	Creatures, Crimes & Creativity (C3)	Hunt Valley, MD
October 17-18:	Black Authors and Readers Rock	New Carrolton, MD
October 24-25:	The 2 nd Annual APSS Conference	Philadelphia, PA (live)
October 24-25:	National Black Book Festival	Houston, TX (support)
November 1:	Delaware Authors Day 2014	Lewes, DE
November 8:	Book Divas On Tour with Lin	New Jersey