



# Straight from the Pad

Monthly e-newsletter from Author K. R. Raye



## Welcome to the premiere issue of *Straight from the Pad*!

Wow, it's been a whirlwind ride already and we've only just begun. August started with the [National Book Club Convention \(NBCC\)](#) in Atlanta where 300 book club members mingled with some of their favorite authors such as Kimberla Lawson Roby, Eric Jerome Dickey, Pearl Cleage, ReShonda Tate Billingsley, and Carl Weber. The exciting, uplifting, spirit-filled event allowed me to meet and learn from my role models and some of the best in the business. In addition, it introduced me to a wealth of amazing authors who sadly, I wasn't aware of before like: Karen E. Quinones Miller, DeVon Franklin, and Sadeqa Johnson.

Just two weeks later, my first novel, *The Colors of Friendship*, Book One in The Colors Trilogy published on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>!!! [Click here to purchase your paperback or e-book copy on Amazon.](#) If you've already read it, thank you and please leave an honest review on Amazon and/or Goodreads.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, I made my first author appearance with the Black Writer's Guild at the African American Author's Expo in Timonium, MD. In addition to meeting a ton of people, I performed my first radio interview with WPBRadio.com!

The next day we celebrated all of the hard work of the book launch with a few of my wonderful supporters and contributors. We held the fun, intimate party at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City and the event made page two of the [Cecil Whig newspaper](#).

So where can you see me next? Check out the events section below.

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

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## The Colors of Friendship

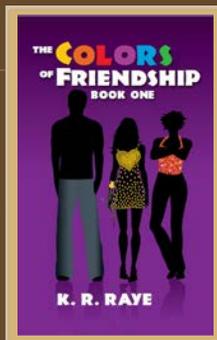
Here are some of the latest reviews:

"After reading your book, I am really hoping thousands of other young girls read it. It's the perfect combination of an entertaining and interesting novel with real life tragic lessons. It could change a life." - Marla Svoboda, Chief Development Officer-Rose Brooks Center

"The Colors of Friendship" by K.R. Raye is a fun-filled story about three college friends, Imani, Melody and Lance. It is entertaining and the conflicts between the characters have been developed well. As a first in the series it will be interesting to see where the plot follows on from here."

- Christoph Fischer, Author of *The Luck of The Weissensteiners* and *Sebastian*.

"This book was a very good read. Mrs. Raye did a great job of hitting the spectrum of emotions. I laughed, shook my head, and shouted "come on now girl, have more sense than that!" as I read." - Olivia Evans, Olivia Evans Books Blog



## My Addiction is Reading - Virtual Book Blog Tour

Location: [Virtual Book Blog Tour](#)

Date: August 29 – September 13, 2013

Currently, I'm in the midst of a Virtual Book Blog Tour; please join along each day this week to see book reviews, promos, and interviews.

## Creatures, Crimes & Creativity (C3) Conference

Location: The Hunt Valley Inn, 245 Shawan Road, Cockeysville, MD

Date: September 13-15, 2013

Panelist on two workshops: "New writers talk about their first book" and "How to make the best of social networking" and participant in the free, mammoth book signing event.

## Baltimore Book Festival

Location: Mt. Vernon Place, centered on 600 North Charles St, Baltimore, MD 21201

Date: September 27-29, 2013

Participant in the Author's Tent Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.