



Straight from the Pad

Monthly e-newsletter from Author K. R. Raye



Welcome to the October/November 2014 issue of *Straight from the Pad*!

Happy Holidays! Welcome to the combined October/November recap as we wind down a very blessed, busy 2014.

My jam-packed October started with the Black Writer's Guild of Baltimore meeting, featuring the talented K.L. Brady presenting "The Do's and Don'ts of Happy Writers." Always a treat to hear her speak! The next weekend entailed hanging out with good author friends and readers at the Creatures, Crime, & Creativity (C3) conference in Hunt Valley, MD. In addition to moderating one panel on "Social media – Can you survive as an author without it?" I shared the stage on two other hilarious panels. "Book Tours – Stories from the road" featured my fellow Book Divas On Tour (BDOT) and the MysterWrite Men for a high-octane, rollicking good time. "Crafting a Successful Series" paired me with vampire series author extraordinaire, Karen Gallagher-Taylor, and our new, honorary Diva and Shamus, Lefty, and Nero award winner (the only author to win all three prestigious prizes), Brad Parks!



Book Divas On Tour with guest Diva, Puja, enjoying C3.

The following weekend found BDOT at Sharon Lucas' Black Authors & Readers Rock in Bowie, MD. Along with meeting new authors and fantastic readers (Hey, Judi Raines!), I participated on the "How to Replace the Book Store in Your Life" panel. Plus, I got to reconnect with some beautiful author friends, like K.L. Brady, J. Alex Blane, Cerece Murphy, Dionne Peart Hayes, Earl Sewell, and the keynote speaker, the fabulous Kimberla Lawson Roby. Then I finished the month learning more about book sales and marketing at the 2nd Annual APSS conference in Philly with the renowned Dan Poynter and Brian Jud. Although I couldn't attend that same weekend, I also supported the readers and authors at the National Black Book Festival in Houston, TX.

In November, BDOT made another fun road trip to NJ to join Lin, Vernita, and their fabulous readers for our last live event of 2014. Between the excellent questions, interest, hospitality, fun, and delicious food, we couldn't have asked for anything more. Then we officially ended our season with an [interview with Dr. Afshan Hashmi](#). What a wonderful way to finish our 2014 tour! Thanks to Dr. Afshan for having us on her show. As always, feel free to [view the photos](#) and links on my website.

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

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The Colors of Love Award

Now, two of the novels in The Colors of Love Trilogy are award winners!

AMB Ovation (The Angie) Awards selected it as a Finalist in their New Adult category.

The AMB Awards provide honors and recognition of authors' outstanding achievements in the multicultural romance literary profession. What's even more amazing are these are reader-recommended books, so fans are getting the word out about the books. Blessed!



Upcoming 2015 Events

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| 02/21/2015 | Local Authors Showcase | Landover, MD |
| 08/07-09/2015 | National Book Club Conference | Atlanta, GA |
| 09/25-27/2015 | Creatures, Crimes & Creativity (C3) | Hunt Valley, MD |
| 10/16-17/2015 | Black Authors and Readers Rock | New Carrollton, MD |