



Straight from the Pad

Monthly e-newsletter from Author K. R. Raye



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THIS MONTH'S RECAP

So much to share this month! First, I'm adding a new section to the newsletter to spotlight other authors or giveaways that I come across.

Now for the recap. As you may recall earlier, I applied to the prestigious NY Pitch Conference and got accepted. After surviving the four-day event, I can attest it's no joke! Thursday was all about reviewing your pitch, tearing it apart, and rebuilding it to shine. Friday through Sunday, we each got an opportunity to pitch to a literary agent or publishing editor for real. Typically, only about 25% of the authors have one successful pitch (where the agent requests you send pages of your book for them to review). I went 100% and had all four of my pitches request pages!!! Following our instructor's advice to take it slow, I'm making a few changes before I submit my pages to the agents and editors (hopefully, next month). Fingers crossed that we're one step closer to getting a literary agent and a traditional publishing deal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Here's where you can find me next month for book events, speaking presentations, or interviews:

07/01: Aspiring Authors Magazine- Interview

07/29-31: Writer's Digest Conference - Attendee



06/16: Brightview Avondell - Speaker Presentation



06/08: Books & Beyond- Interview

Next, I had my first interview on the Clubhouse app with Books & Beyond hosts Naleighna Kai and Stephanie Freeman. Such a fun, engaging interview, I love hanging out with their Tribe!

Then, I had a speaking presentation at Brightview Avondell. The attendees were amazing and asked tons of great questions about reading, writing, and my author journey.

Finally, I joined a powerhouse lineup of African American authors in the 4th Annual Great Midwest Book Fest hosted by Radiah Hubbert of Urban Reviews. Another fun interview!

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11th Annual **Great Midwest BOOK FEST**
SATURDAY JUNE 18

Featuring New York Times Bestselling Authors Mary B. Morrison and Brenda Jackson, USA TODAY Bestselling Author, Naleighna Kai, NAACP Image Award Nominee, J. L. Woodson
National Bestsellers: Pat O'Grady-Walker, J. L. Campbell, LaJill Hunt, Trice Hickman, Michelle Lindo Rice, and Stephanie M. Freeman

REGISTER AT greatmidwestbookfest.com

FREE ONLINE EVENT
1-5 pm CST

Also featuring: U. M. Hiram, Dr. Vanessa Howard, Marie L. McKenzie, Christine Pauls, Yvonne Elliott, Olivia Shaw-Reel, Eugene Pitchford III, Anthony Alston, Ebony Farashuu, Marion Hill, Betty Smoot-Madison, Dorothy Parhams, LaShaunda Hoffman, K.R. Raye, Dr. Rhonda M. Lawson, and Dr. Emily Woolcock.

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That's it for this month. Keep scrolling to see my book reviews and the new Spotlight section that highlights other authors and/or book giveaways.

SPOTLIGHT

Along this fun author journey, I'm always encountering new people and discovering new books. Here are some that you can check out while you patiently wait for my next series. 😊

Featured Author - Kristina Beck:

Coming July 19th is her new book, *Key To His Heart!*

Key To His Heart is an emotionally gripping, single-parent contemporary romance where the past meets the present. Unconditional love is tested when devastating truths are revealed. Will TJ accept Katrina's confessions, even if they go against everything he believes in?

Pre-order yours today at: <https://www.books2read.com/KTHH>.

Goodreads link: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/60277787-key-to-his-heart>



Book Giveaway:

Ready for some free Contemporary books? Want to know how everyday people can be heroes of their circumstances? Would you like to read inspiring stories where people overcome their struggles?

Get six sizzling summer reads here, <https://claims.prolificworks.com/gg/tJ2DfppwwRA9oLLQnv7s>, before time expires on July 26th!

BOOK REVIEWS

One of the things that jumpstarted my writing career was reading. In 2021, I read over 40 books. Since "sharing is caring," I'm sharing short reviews of two books that I read last year. Hopefully, you can find your next reads. Enjoy!

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

★★★★☆ (4 of 5 Stars)

Wrenching tale of twin sisters

NY Times Bestseller, named a best book of 2020. Beautiful, heartbreaking novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white.

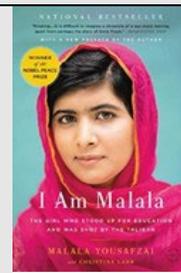


I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

★★★★★ (5 of 5 Stars)

Inspirational Memoir

You may know her as the girl the Taliban shot or the girl who won the Nobel Peace Prize. There's so much more to Malala's story. This excellent memoir transports you to the innocence and war-torn terror of her beloved Pakistan as she fights to stay alive and get an education under the threat of the Taliban.



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Happy Reading and catch you next month!

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