

TIFFANY A. FLOWERS BIOGRAPHY



Tiffany A. Flowers is a native of Chicago, Illinois. Born the child of an artist, she spent the majority of her childhood attending poetry readings, festivals, and art shows with her mother. This is where her love for art began. After graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology and a Masters of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education, she went on to complete another Masters of Arts degree in Education from the University of Iowa. After completing her degree, she began her teaching career in both public schools and colleges. Tiffany has taught at several universities and colleges across the United States as an instructor, lecturer, and clinical professor. Those institutions include West Chester University in Pennsylvania, Saint Leo University in Florida, and Clemson University in South Carolina. During this time she was inspired to tell her students stories about her life. Her students encouraged her to write down her original stories and publish them. So, she began writing her stories in journals for the next seven years. She spent many nights and weekends crafting her books, writing academic papers, and working toward completing her Ph.D. in Literacy. Tiffany considers herself to be an educator, writer, reviewer, literacy advocate, philanthropist, and consultant.

As a writer, Tiffany is the author and co-author of various academic articles, book chapters, and children's books. Her academic articles focus on the area(s) of literacy, education, and literature. Her academic work can be found in the *Journal for the Liberal Arts and Sciences*, *Urban Education*, and *The High School Journal*. The titles of her published children's book releases include *I am a Sigma Gamma Rho Legacy*, *For those who stare at the moon*, and *Patterns are Everywhere: An Upside Down Pattern Book*. She has been featured on radio shows such as the Reading Circle, The Living Hope, Word Thirst Literary Journal, Virtuous Woman, Blogatique with Ananda Leake, and The Cover to Cover Show. She has been interviewed and featured on All the Literary Buzz Reviews, the examiner.com, the Written Voices Blog, the Booktown blog, The Author's Hideaway, and Black Authors Books.

As a reviewer, Tiffany has reviewed for several academic journals such as *The Journal of School Leadership*, *The International Journal of Multicultural Education*, and *Equity & Excellence in Education*. Tiffany's professional reviews have been featured in various academic journals such as *Teacher's College Record*, *The Education Review*, and *The Journal of African American History*. Additionally, she is currently the Literary Director of onixlink.com, and maintains the Golden Butterfly Reviews blog to showcase authors of children's and young adult books to children, parents, teachers, and librarians.

As a Literacy Advocate, Tiffany has written and received over \$40,000 in grants to fund various research-based literacy projects in schools, community centers, correctional facilities, and

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preschools. Those projects are aimed at pre-K through adult populations and include but are not limited to the *African American Read-in Project*, *The Buddy Reading Project*, *The Kindergarten Reading Readiness Project*, *The Kindergarten Multi-ethnic Literature Project*, and *the Tolerance Project*.

As a philanthropist, Tiffany support several charities through monetary donations from the sale of her children's books. Those charities include The New Orleans Public Library Foundation, The Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. National Education Fund, and The L.E.A.D. Foundation. Additionally, she supports other organizations such as schools, community centers, international charities, and prisons through one time in-kind book donations.

As a lecturer and consultant, Tiffany has presented at various local, regional, and national conferences such as the South Carolina Association for School Libraries, The National Reading Conference, and the Georgia Reading Association Conference. Some of her professional presentation topics for educators include Using Diverse Literature in the Classroom, Reading Strategies for Reluctant Readers, and Writing Diverse Experiences. Additionally, she has presented her work as a children's author to elementary schools, colleges, churches, and preschools in the United States.

Some of Tiffany's accomplishments include being listed in Who's Who among American College Students and Universities. Tiffany was inducted into the Order of Omega Greek Leadership Honor Society. She is a Frederick Douglass Teaching Fellow, and an Indiana University Faculty Fellow. She has appeared in the Easley Progress newspaper, The Advocate Newspaper, and the International Aurora Magazine. In 2010, Poetic Monthly Magazine listed her second book release, *For those who stare at the moon* as one of the best reads of 2010. Tiffany is also a member of various civic, community, and professional organizations that focus on literacy, diverse histories, and education.

The majority of Tiffany's children's stories reflect a culmination of all of her experiences from childhood to adult. However, the ultimate goal of her work is to promote hope and creativity, and to bring joy into the lives of children. Currently, Tiffany is working on her fourth picture book release. Also, she is penning a series book for children in the intermediate grades about growing up in the city. The first book in this series is slated to be released in August 2011. You can contact this author or follow her work on the following websites, blogs, and social networking sites:

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