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The Author Yani

The Author Yani wrote her first novel when she was fifteen years old while attending University City High-School. What started out as just a short story to help her cope with the accidental and devastating murder of a friend, turned into a full length, 893 handwritten paged novel after being encouraged to continue writing more by her peers. Years later, *A Thug's Redemption* along with its two sequels, became Amazon Best Sellers and featured in *Yo! Raps Magazine*. Yani had previously been known for her writing through her edgy poetry, which was showcased in the school's newspaper. She was also invited to the Tri-State's number 1 Hip-Hop and R&B radio station, Power 99FM, to recite her popular poem "Why Tyrone Can't Read" in 2001. Since then, Yani has competed in various talent shows and attended open mic nights, reciting her poetry throughout Philadelphia until she was twenty years old. Yani has been featured on numerous blogs and has made guest appearances on various blog-talk radio shows. She was also a featured author at the 2013 National Black Book Festival in Houston, Texas. Yani still resides in Philadelphia with her two children and is working on her fifth novel.

Press Release:

Page Turning Erotic Thriller by Amazon's Best Selling Author Gives Insight into Why Men Cheat and Why Women Allow Them To

Monday, July 21st 2014 8:45am EST

Philadelphia, Pa., July 21st 2014—"Obsessive Intimacies" an erotic thriller (ISBN-13: 978-1494999827) by Yani and published by Anitbeet Productions gives a dramatic look into why men cheat and why women allow them to do so. Written in first person, "Obsessive Intimacies" tells the story of Markel and his wife Tierra and how both of their adulterous affairs proved to be deadly in the end.

The Author Yani knows all too well the heartache that comes from being deceived and cheated on by someone she's loved. Like too many women, she is no stranger to the endless questions of "Why?" while pondering excessively over where things may have gone wrong to cause the deception, and if anything could have been done to prevent it. After taking a step back and seeing things for what they were instead of what she wanted them to be, Yani realized that men cheat simply because women allow them to, and from that realization, she was able to pen "Obsessive Intimacies".



Monogamy was not one of Markel's strongest suits during the beginning of his relationship with the woman he referred to as "his right hand" lady. During the first five years of his relationship with Tierra, he had an insatiable appetite for a variety of women, having numerous affairs while thinking Tierra was none the wiser. Unbeknownst to him, Tierra was well aware of his adulterous activities and decided to indulge in her own sweetest payback by seeking comfort in the arms of his best friend, giving into the age old ideology- what's good for the goose is good for the gander.

After starting a family, getting married and launching two lucrative careers, Markel threw in his player's card and devoted his life to his wife and family, insuring he was able to provide them with the best life they deserved. But when a new temptation crosses his path, Markel quickly reverts back to his cheating ways - old habits die hard! Not willing to sit idly by while her husband continues to disrespect her and their marriage, Tierra decides to give Markel a taste of his own medicine when she begins an affair of her own as well, introducing problems neither one of them anticipated having. From road rage and fist fights, to a racist, violent father of Markel's White mistress, these two affairs quickly spiral crazily out of control, forming obsessions which prove deadly in the end!

Obsessive Intimacies is an erotic tale full of suspense with a plot extremely real and relatable to any woman who has ever been cheated on. Written in first person, Markel gives insight into why he cheats while Tierra asks the age old questions many women ask every day; why do men cheat? What is wrong with me? How come I am not enough? What can I do to make him

commit? A cross between *Jungle Fever* and *Fatal Attraction* and filled with steamy, wild and erotic sex scenes, this story is sure to grab onto you from the first page and not let you go until the last sentence!

Yani is the author of four Amazon Best Selling novels. Her first erotic thriller, “Obsessive Intimacies” debuted at number 33 in Romance on Amazon Kindle and is rated five stars. She has appeared on numerous blogs and made guest appearances on various blog-talk radio shows around the country. She currently resides in Philadelphia with her two children and is working on her fifth book, a BDSM/Fetish novel, using her own experience as an on-line BDSM Mistress to produce a story-line filled with quality, authenticity, originality and page-turning entertainment.

Sample Q&A

- 1) Q: What inspired you to write your first novel, “A Thug’s Redemption”?
A: When I was 14 years old, a friend of mine was accidentally shot and killed. Someone was playing with a gun and the gun went off hitting him in his chest. He was only 14 years old as well. I had never dealt with someone so young being killed and the only thing that helped me cope was writing. The prologue was originally just a short story to help me cope with what happened, but my friends liked it so much, they insisted that I write more. Ten months later, A Thug’s Redemption was born.
- 2) Q: Do you have a writing routine?
A: I don’t really have a writing routine per say. I mostly write what I see. I get what I call “flashes”, which is like mini movies that play in my head. From the flashes, that’s how I write my books. I write exactly what I see down to the smallest detail. Most of the time when I am writing, I either have on a good movie or I listen to Tupac. I also keep a lot of Oreo Cookies with me and Pineapple or Orange soda.
- 3) Q: If you were to write a book about a controversial topic, what would it be?
A: If I were to write a book about a controversial topic, it more than likely would be about racism. Situations like Trayvon Martin, Sean Bell, Oscar Grant and too many other young Black men who were mercilessly killed and their murderers were not punished, yet you have situations like Troy Davis who was accused of killing a White police officer need to be addressed and not just swept under the rug once the verdict comes back. Evidence was presented that proved Troy Davis’ innocence, yet he was still executed. Interracial relationships would also be a topic that I would love to do a novel on.
- 4) Q: If you could make a movie out of one of your books, which one would it be?
A: Every single one of them! I think all of my novels have the potential to be Block Buster Sell Out Movies! Specifically “A Thug’s Redemption 2 & 3” and “Obsessive Intimacies”. When I read over those books after their completion, it felt as though I was watching a movie and I could already see what actors would portray certain characters. In A Thug’s Redemption 2- Jamal would be Columbus Short, Keisha would be Megan Good, Deisha would be Keisha Knight Pullam, Samir would be Darrin Henson, Detective Davidson would be Brian J White, Shawn would be Chris Brown, Maurice would be Michael B. Jordan, Chanda would be Yaya DeCosta and I haven’t thought of who would play D-Ball. In A Thug’s Redemption 3, I can easily see Terrance Howard playing Andre. For Obsessive Intimacies, Pooch Hall would be Markel, Lauren London would be Tierra, DeRay Davis would be Darnell and Rachael Taylor would be Candice. Having my books become movies would be a dream come true.
- 5) Q: If you could interview one of your favorite authors, who would it be? Why?
A: I would love to interview Margaret Walker who is the author of Jubilee. I can’t tell you

how many times I read that book growing up and how I would love to read it again. She told the story of her great-great grandmother Vyry, who was a slave and also the daughter of a slave master, with such finesse, it was hard to put down and the first time I read it, I was ten years old. I would also love to interview Stephen King because he is the only author who scared the hell out of me, yet I could not put his books down no matter how afraid I was. And lastly, Laurell K. Hamilton because she writes her Anita Blake series with so much action and comedy. Her books are like movies that you can see with every page that is turned and I love her style of writing.

6) Q: What are you hoping readers take from your book?

A: I am hoping that my readers understand the lesson to be learned in the "A Thug's Redemption" series. Karma does not miss. A wrong thing done for the right reason is still the wrong thing. No matter how much we think we've cleaned up a mistake, we still have to pay for that mistake. Sometimes it's not us that pays for that mistake but the people around us who end up paying in the worst way. With "Obsessive Intimacies", I'm hoping that men will understand that when they have a good woman at home, no matter how tempting the next woman may be, it's just not worth jeopardizing what you already have trying to indulge in that temptation. I'm also hoping that women will learn to value themselves, set standards and see that even though two negatives make a positive, two wrongs will never make a right. Playing with someone's emotions just to get pay-back on someone that has hurt you can do more harm than good and the best way to deal with infidelity is to handle it with the person you are in a relationship with and to not bring outsiders into your relationship.

7) Q: Do you plan to write more books, and if so, what genre would they be in?

A: I like writing novels filled with suspense. I enjoy writing thrillers and writing my first erotic novel was fun as well. Considering what Urban Fiction is becoming, I think I am going to break away from that genre. I do plan to write more books. I actually am working on a BDSM/Fetish novel right now and I have a murder mystery in my head that is waiting to meet the screen of my laptop.

8) Q: What are your thoughts on the Urban Fiction genre?

A: I think the Urban Fiction genre has become a cesspool of poorly written novels spewing some of the same plots and story lines over and over again. I think it is becoming tasteless with some of the titles and covers, it exploits the ills that plague the Black community, it depicts Black men and women in a terrible fashion and some of these "authors" should be ashamed of themselves. We see enough of the tackiness on television with "reality" shows like Real Housewives of Atlanta, Love & Hip-Hop and even talk shows like Jerry Springer and Maury Povich. If I can't get a well thought out, creative and original story line with a strong non-street Black Man and a non-hood-rat Black female, I'm not reading it. I understand that sex sells, but so does class. Terri McMillan, E. Lynn Harris and many others would not have been National Best Sellers if writing Black novels with class did not sell.

9) Q: What advice would you give other writers?

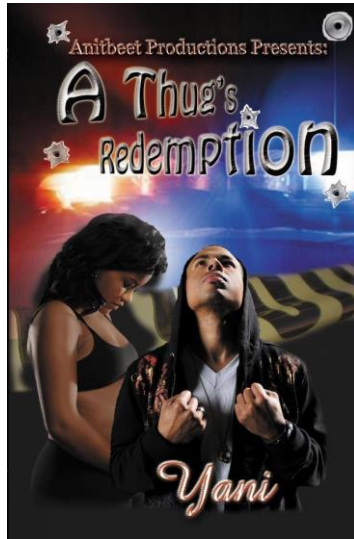
A: Be original. It's so easy to follow what other writers are doing because it looks popular and it appears to be selling. But that is the reason why Hip-Hop is becoming a joke. Be the author who steps outside of the box and writes something that won't just last for the moment, but will last through the ages. Edit. I can't stress this enough. I can't tell you how embarrassing it was when I first printed "A Thug's Redemption" and found some obvious

mistakes. Go through your novel with a fine tooth comb and make sure you have a second, and if necessary, a third set of eyes to catch what you may have missed. Market and promote your work. Do not just rely on word of mouth from your friends and family and social media. I learned first-hand that sometimes you will have a legion of people behind you when what you want to accomplish is just a dream. But once you make that dream a reality, you will be surprised at how some of those supporters will fall off and some may not return until they begin to see the fruits of your labor blossoming. So research marketing strategies, make sure you know who your target audience is. Start marketing and promoting your book months before its release so readers are aware of your pending arrival.

10) Q: Where can readers find you?

A: Readers can find me on my personal website- <http://www.theauthoryani.com> I can also be found on Barnes & Noble, Nook, Books-a-Million, Kobo, Amazon, Kindle, Google Books, and Google Play Store.

Product Information



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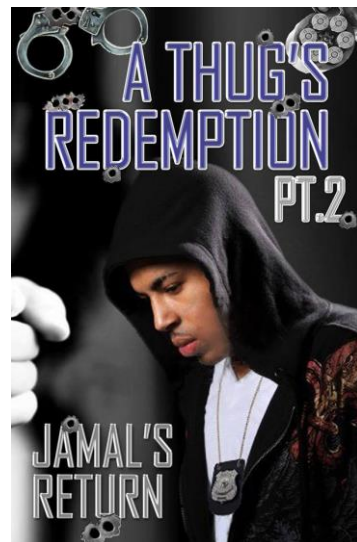
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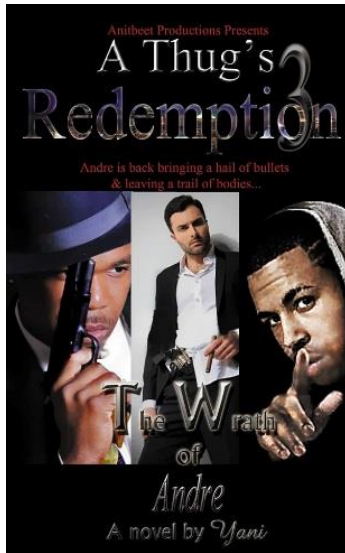
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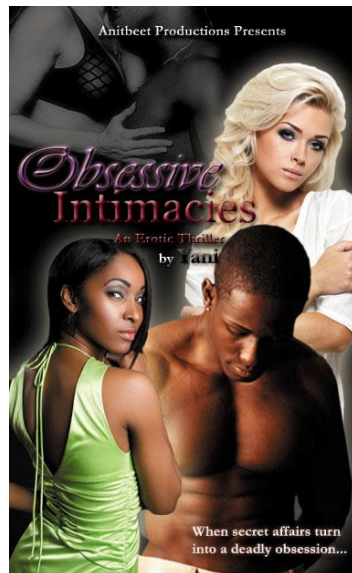
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PRODUCT REVIEWS

A THUG'S REDEMPTION:

"A Thug's Redemption by Yani is the very powerful story of six teenagers trying to navigate their world while dealing with typical teenage issues, dysfunctional families, and social pressures all while living in a proverbial urban warzone. From the first line until the last, ATR had me enthralled. The story evoked so much emotion, bringing back to my memory my own journey as a teenager, the heartbreak of loss, the hope of dreams yet to be fulfilled..." - Tumika Cain- author of "Season of Change". Read the full Amazon 5 star review

http://www.amazon.com/review/R1438MWV09FYS4/ref=cm_cr_pr_perm?ie=UTF8&ASIN=B0095LJ2AO

"Powerfully and passionately written, A Thug's Redemption is a page turner that will not disappoint! Street lit at its best, The Author Yani hit a home run with the first part of this series!" – Muffin (author/editor) Amazon 5 Star Review

"First off, it was inspired by a true story which just makes my heart ache. It was extremely well written and you can tell very true to real life. Usually I find urban fiction very dull and sometimes very illiterate but this was captivating and more of a modern period piece with characters that were very well thought out and detailed. I highly recommend reading this book even if its not your usual genre." – Trila- (Reader) Amazon 5 Star Review

A THUG'S REDEMPTION 2: JAMAL'S RETURN:

"When I first started this series as with any other I didn't know what to expect but it went from good to better so I can't wait to get to part 3. Samir is a piece of work, money and power hungry he's a user but when people only fear you and not respect you your fall is eminent especially when you have a trail of bodies even family and women..." – Cvrgrl (Reader) Read the full Amazon 5 star review

http://www.amazon.com/review/R1PCITWG7IR65B/ref=cm_cr_pr_perm?ie=UTF8&ASIN=B00D7NGESE

"I really enjoyed both books, and I'm about to order the third!! Very entertaining from beginning to end can't wait to read The Wrath of Andre!!! I didn't see that one coming!! Go Yani!!! 5 stars – T.D Brown "brown lady" (Reader) Amazon 5 Star Review

"I was drawn along in the story and was eager to see how the events would play out. It was really hard to put this book down, the story just kept you wanting to know what would happen in the end. I highly recommend this book." – Gran Diva (Reader) Amazon 5 Star Review

A THUG'S REDEMPTION 3: THE WRATH OF ANDRE:

"I didn't think it was possible for this series to get any better. Each stand-alone book goes deeper into the characters making the reader feel that much more connected. Choices bring about consequences, sometimes far more reaching than anticipated. The true test of adulthood is owning up to one's own stuff. We consistently see this in Jamal and the other

main characters who have been on this journey for over a decade...” – Tumika Cain (author of Season of Change) Read the full Amazon 5 star review

http://www.amazon.com/review/R1ZGGIZ96VRIJY/ref=cm_cr_pr_perm?ie=UTF8&ASIN=B00EA96WZO

“This book was surprisingly good, by the title I had skipped over it a few times pegging it as another typical street lit story (drugs, name brands, etc) and I was pleasantly surprised. Now I have to buy and read the first two books since I'm reading all out of order obviously lol. This was a very good story, I can just about figure out what the first two books were about but then again I will more than likely be surprised again. So I'm off to read the back stories to see how the characters ended up here. Great job!” – Mika (Reader) Amazon 5 Star Review

“The third book was awesome. YANI did very good with part 1, 2, 3! Andre wasn't no joke and D-Ball was a force to be reckoned with all I can say is AWESOME!!!” – Christa J. Shields (Reader) Amazon 5 Star Review

OBSESSIVE INTIMACIES:

“Wonderful story. I was afraid this was going to be the same story over and over again but I was mistaken. There was definitely some craziness going on in this story and what a great job of telling it keep up the great work!” – Mrs. Marvelous (Reader) Amazon 5 Star Review

“A very good read. It kept my interest. The twist at the end of this book was so unexpected! It is worth reading.” – Deitra Reid (Reader) Amazon 5 Star Review

“I was totally captivated by this story from beginning to end!!! I will definitely be telling my friends to read this!! I'm gonna look for more books by Yani.” – Angel Walker (Reader) Amazon 5 Star Review