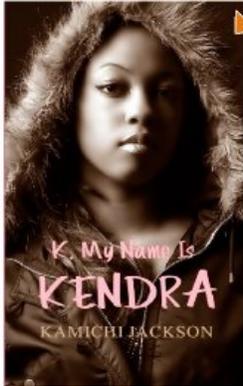


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Editorial Reviews

Amazon.com Review

I love this excerpt. It is timely and interesting. I am very curious to see where the older sister has been all these years and what has happened to her. I think this will be an excellent book.

Amazon.com Review

Truly great writing on an empathetic level, screaming been there done that, now see what happens - should you walk in these shoes. Looks to be an outstanding example of what young adult literature is all about.

From Publishers Weekly

This emotionally powerful novel gets right to the essence of what a young adult novel should be, empathetically exploring the experience of a teenage girl. Kendra is dealing with depression, the social dynamics of the black community, family problems, and abuse, yet holding on to a core of optimism that will help her become a strong and successful adult. Kendra is the first member of her family to reconnect with her missing sister, Meisha, who ran away a decade earlier. Meisha's return puts a strain on the family when the reason behind her departure is finally revealed. Kendra's talent and strong desire to be a writer bring the attention of her English teacher, but this also leaves her vulnerable to her famous sports announcer uncle, CJ. Desperate for attention, Kendra ignores the warning signs; CJ gains her confidence and offers her a laptop to use in his apartment. The abuse that follows is not described in detail and is not the only defining point for the character. An excellent read for any girl who feels misunderstood, or for readers that remember what it felt like to be confused and hurt, but hopeful as they moved toward adulthood.

From the Back Cover

Fifteen-year-old Kendra James' life begins to spiral out of control with the return of her long-lost runaway sister Meisha, and the visit of a young celebrity uncle with questionable intentions. Things take a particular turn for the worse when that uncle exploits Kendra's loneliness and untreated depression and makes a move on her that sends her world into a tailspin from which she's not sure she'll ever recover. Will she survive this tragedy...or will she hit rock-bottom before anyone even notices?

About the Author

KJ is the author of the young adult novel *K My Name Is Kendra*, the middle reader book *You're Too Much*, Reggie Brown (2000), a forthcoming adult novel (*The Brownstone*), two unproduced screenplays (*On the Dotted Line*) and (*Cynda*), as well as several short stories, one of which (*Where Present Meets Past*) was exclusively available for download at Amazon.com as part of its Amazon Shorts program. KJ has made numerous appearances in support of her work, among them the Baltimore Book Festival, and was a featured author at the 2006 Houston Black Film Festival. The South Norwalk, Connecticut native currently resides in Northern Virginia.

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