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***BEARING WITNESS: NOT SO CRAZY IN ALABAMA*
By Carla Thompson**

Praise for *Bearing Witness: Not So Crazy in Alabama*

"...Thompson offers a fresh perspective on race and class in a changing American South."
Booklist

"Carla has penned a delightful memoir...in a funny, witty way that is sure to win with the hearts of those who have made similar journeys and those who wish they had."
RAWSISTAZ Reviewers

"She uncovers the depth and essence of the people around her, from unwed mothers to sorority sisters."
Library Journal

"...I highly recommend this book to anyone wanting to read and exceptionally good book."
MyShelf.com

*"...She writes with a critical and yet humorous voice and gives a quick examination of the New South. *Bearing Witness* is a charming, good read for anyone."*
Black Issues Book Review

"The result is a wacky but hilarious slice of Thompson's neurotic life...Surprisingly entertaining."
Baltimore City Paper, August 24, 2005

New York City, NY -- In the memoir, ***BEARING WITNESS: NOT SO CRAZY IN ALABAMA***, (August Press, May 2005, ISBN: 0-9635720-8-3, \$14.00 USD), Carla Thompson, a Harlem native and an award-winning freelance writer, chronicles her adventures during her nearly six-year stay in Montgomery, Alabama.

BEARING WITNESS: NOT SO CRAZY IN ALABAMA is a poignant, yet lighthearted look at the New South and all of its complexities. Thompson, who while living in Alabama, worked as college/university instructor, radio talk show host, and publicist, relates encounters with the city's inhabitants among them a wanna-be nun who just happens to be married with children, a wheelchair-bound quiz kid who challenges her to test her knowledge, and a young mother who has beauty pageant dreams for her preschool daughter.

In ***BEARING WITNESS***, Thompson presents a South that bears little resemblance to familiar portraits which are "wrought with mythology about backwoods redneck bubbas and long-suffering noble Negroes – too simplistic a picture for too complex a people." Although not an

expert in all things southern, Thompson, a black conservative, provides a unique insight into the roles that race and class play in today's South as well as the social and economic challenges that the region faces.

BEARING WITNESS: NOT SO CRAZY IN ALABAMA is Carla Thompson's first book.

Biography

Carla Thompson has written articles that have appeared in *AOL Black Voices*, *Black Enterprise*, *Africana.com*, *Women's eNews*, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Montgomery Advertiser*, *Huntsville Times*, *Birmingham News*, *BlackAmericaWeb.com*, *SUCCEED Magazine* and *BET.com*. Thompson serves as an adjunct instructor of communication studies at Brooklyn College in New York. She is now working on novel tentatively titled, ***The Names Have Been Changed***, a story of a hapless Hollywood hopeful. Thompson currently resides in New York City.

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AUTHOR APPEARANCES

July 23 11AM– 7PM	Harlem Book Fair Harlem, NY
August 11 6PM	Hue-Man Bookstore Harlem, NY
June 15 7:30 PM	Barnes and Noble Bookstore Park Slope, Brooklyn, NY
June 18 5 PM	Karibu Books Forestville, MD
April 7 1:30 PM	Brooklyn College – Author Party Brooklyn, NY
September 8 7:30 PM	Barnes and Noble New York, NY
October 1 2:00 PM	Countee Cullen Library New York, NY
October 8 2 – 5 PM	Books-A-Million Bookstore Montgomery, Alabama