

Life Untapped!™

November 2009

Hi Friend,

Welcome to the fall issue of **Life Untapped!** Can you believe it's already November? Somehow this season snuck upon me as I've kept busy writing, speaking and promoting the two novels I released this year.

I've also had the opportunity to read some good books during this period, and in this issue, it's my pleasure to introduce you to authors whose work I admire. Along with reading my two latest novels, ***The Someday List*** and ***Worth a Thousand Words***, consider adding these ladies' books to your reading list.

Thanks to many of you who have taken time to email me, sign my website guestbook, write an online book review and/or buy my books as gifts for others.

You are sincerely appreciated, and I hope you know that by spreading the word about these novels, you're playing a valuable role in sharing messages of love and hope.

My next novel - ***Dreams That Won't Let Go*** - will be released in January, and I'm excited about the themes in this book as well. (More details will be coming soon!)

In the meantime, enjoy this issue of **Life Untapped!** and forward it to others.

Thanks again for your support! Trust that all you give away in the form of love, joy and gratitude will boomerang and fill your own life.

Abundant Blessings,
Stacy

Quote of the Month

"When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die the world cries and you rejoice."

~ Indian Saying ~

Stacy Hawkins Adams



What is an untapped life? One filled with love, laughter, faith, service and hope. One that believes simply because you lived to see this day, all of the possibilities it holds are within your reach. ©

Stacy's News

In the months since I last issued a newsletter, I've had the pleasure of connecting with book clubs around the country in **Speakerphone Chats**, including the **Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Book Club** in Tuscaloosa, Ala.; **Restoring the Joy Book Club** in Fayetteville, N.C., and **New Bethlehem's Women's Ministry** in Chicago, Ill.

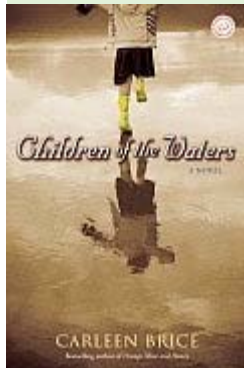
I was honored to be a featured speaker at **Restoration Weekend 2009**, a spiritual women's retreat hosted by Michelle Hargrove in Riviera Maya, Mexico. This memorable getaway has been life-changing for many of the women who participated.

In September, I helped launch **The Hope Bus Tour**, a 50-day, 50-charity tour along the mid-Atlantic

Writers You Should Know

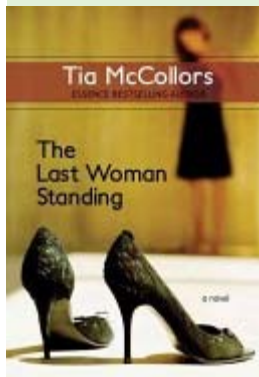
I asked some of my author friends,
"What Inspires You to Write?"
Here are their replies:

Carleen Brice, author of two critically acclaimed novels, *Orange Mint and Honey* and *Children of the Waters*:



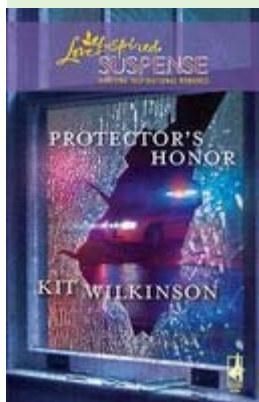
"What inspires me to write stories about families and relationships is my own family. I have lots of characters and good material right at my fingertips. I also write what I like to read and I've always liked Bebe Moore Campbell, Pearl Cleage and Terry McMillan, so I guess it's no wonder I write in the same genre."

Tia McCollors, author of four novels, including *The Last Woman Standing*:



"I'm inspired to write Christian fiction because for every problem in life, God has a solution. I think giving readers those answers by weaving it through a story of faith-filled fiction can be life-changing."

Kit Wilkinson, debut author of *Protector's Honor*,



writes Christian romantic suspense, "which to me, is taking ordinary people and throwing them into extraordinary circumstances - hopefully, creating something fun to read which is also spiritually meaningful."

coast led by speaker and author Helena Nyman. For more information on the lives that have been touched by the efforts of Helena and her road team, visit.
www.thehopebus.org.

Last month, I served on a panel with bestselling author Victoria Christopher Murray at the fifth annual **Capital Bookfest**, in Largo, Md. This annual literary extravaganza is hosted by author Kwame Alexander.

I'm looking forward to some great events in the days and weeks ahead, and well into 2010. *Check out some of my upcoming activities below. I'd love to meet you! If you're interested in contracting me as a speaker or as a guest for your book-related event in 2010, please contact Danielle at events@stacyhawkinsadams.com or visit the Speaker page of my website.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

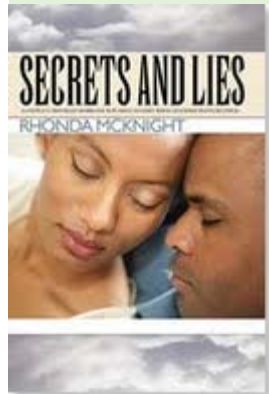
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009
The Sharvette Mitchell Radio Show
5:55 PM - 6:10 PM (EST)
www.blogtalkradio.com/Mitchell-Productions
Stacy will discuss her latest novel, *Worth a Thousand Words*.
Live Call-In #: 347-945-5907

Richmond Book Fair
Saturday, Nov. 7
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Greater Richmond Convention Center
300 N. Fifth Street
Richmond, Virginia
Join Stacy and authors Donna Hill, R.M. Johnson, Pamela Samuels-Young, Iris Bolling and Peron Long at a free book discussion and signing sponsored by the Sistah's Book Club. Proceeds from all book sales will benefit The Read Center, a nonprofit adult literacy program.

[Stacy's 2009-10 Events Calendar](#)

I also asked several author friends to share details about their latest releases. Here are their responses:

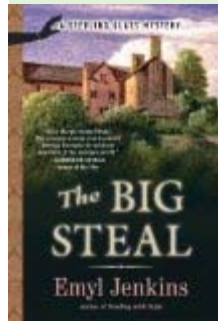
Rhonda McKnight, debut author of *Secrets and Lies*,



a soon-to-be-released novel which unveils the journey of a troubled marriage: "I'd like my readers to take away the message that forgiveness is a decision. Once a person decides that peace is more important than bitterness and pain, they can live a fuller life,

more complete life."

Emyl Jenkins, an antiques appraiser and author of two novels, including her July release, *The Big Steal*.



This book is "a combination mystery, antiques primer, and love story set in a house museum in Orange, Virginia, that is teetering on bankruptcy. But beneath all that is really a story that follows four women of

different ages through their lives and explores how the times in which they live influences the choices they make in their lives."

Michelle Sutton, a, multi-published author whose latest book is an edgy young adult novel called *It's Not About Him*.

"In this novel, a young woman struggles emotionally as she follows through with the adoption plan she'd set in motion during her unplanned pregnancy. She learns that her decision does not have to define who she is, nor does her mistake."

The Someday List Still an Essence Bestseller

The Someday List has ranked No. 4 on Essence magazine's paperback fiction bestseller's list for the past few months.

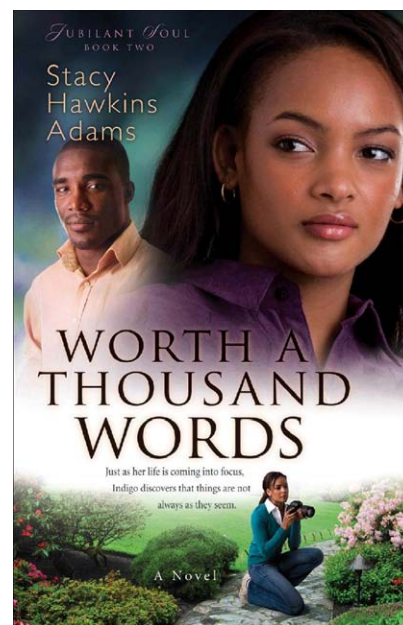


Please continue to spread the word about the novel and buy gift copies for your women friends who need to jumpstart their hopes and dreams.

Though it is fiction, most readers reach the end wanting to craft their own list. I'm continuously refining mine as well!

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Worth a Thousand Words

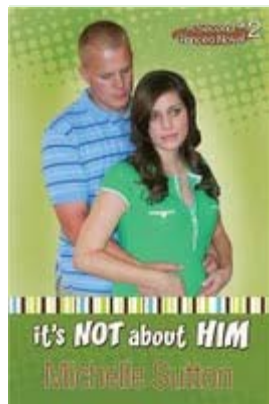


If you've read and enjoyed *The Someday List*, don't miss the second book in the Jubilant Soul series, *Worth a Thousand Words*.

This novel, which includes a surprising twist, was released in June.

Read this book now so you'll be ready for the third book in January!

LIBRARY JOURNAL REVIEW
"Torn between her career aspirations and marriage, Indigo has some



Enjoy this month, and give thanks for the simple blessings that fill your life everyday. While you're at it...enjoy a good book! :)

All My Best, Stacy

Stacy Hawkins Adams
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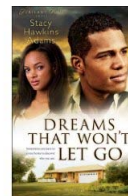
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The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. *John 10:10 (NKJV)*

major soul searching in store in order to face the hard decisions in her future. Adams's second series title (after The Someday List) is an excellent yet complex contemporary tale of faith and family that features a strong, independent African American protagonist and well-crafted supporting characters." - Tamara Butler

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Coming January 1, 2010



Dreams That Won't Let Go

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