## **BOOK SYNOPSIS**

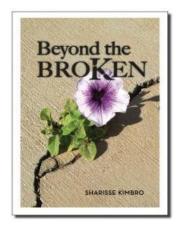
## **BEYOND THE BROKEN BY SHARISSE KIMBRO**

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE LIFE YOU PLANNED FOR ISN'T THE LIFE YOU GET? ...



It seems like only yesterday when five friends with five dreams stood together at their Stanford graduation ceremony, turned their tassels, and looked forward with optimism. But two decades later, Neva, Annette, Lauren, Tamara, and Heather have all experienced a

reality much different than the dreams they once envisioned.

A troubled marriage and unexpected motherhood threatens to still Neva's voice forever. Annette's inability to conceive a child challenges everything she knows to be true about her. Lauren is weary from juggling her career, motherhood, and marriage. Tamara has abandoned the hope of a loving relationship in favor of an all-consuming career. But it is Heather who is in the worst trouble of all. A heartbreaking job loss sends her spiraling downward into darkness, and she attempts suicide.

As she slips into a coma, the friends reunite at her bedside, forge a stronger friendship, and finally face hard truths about themselves. In this poignant tale, the secret of each woman's shattered dream is revealed, forcing each to embark on a unique journey to discover what beauty lies beyond the broken.

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"Beyond the Broken provides remarkable insight into the lives of women who have a psychology of success that drives them toward restoration in their resistance to life's struggles. Kimbro is one of the most important translators of our time of the life experiences of women into gripping fiction that encourages readers not to dwell in challenges of life and move beyond the brokenness to a solidified self-understanding of agency, strength, and courage." Cynthia E. Winston, Ph.D., Howard University Associate Professor of Psychology and Founder of Winston Synergy LLC

"Beyond the Broken accomplishes the goal of much of the finest of fiction writing. The main characters--a group of black women friends who went to college together--come across as real, and their lives illuminate the challenges that highly educated black women confront. Their stories will resonate with readers of all races." Ralph Richard Banks, Author, Is Marriage for White People

"This novel sings sisterhood and strength and speaks of the possibilities that emerge when broken hearts are mended. 'Beyond the Broken' is a literary blueprint on how to march beautifully toward personal triumphs. A must-read for folks going through some stuff and aren't we all, depending on the day or season." Tracy Chiles McGhee, Esq., Author & Founder of Womanifesting, Inc.

"A must-read for all important women in your life. Very moving and honest portrayal of modern women. So enjoyed the book that I bought one for my mother, my sister, and my aunt! Like the rest of the reviewers, I'm looking forward to the sequel!!!" Rodney Haynes, Stanford Alumnus

"I laughed. I cried. I related. 'Beyond the Broken' reminded me of my value as a mother, professional, wife, and sister. The sisterhood is a powerful influence, which comes through in the voice of five different characters." April Greer, Chicago Educator and Mom

## **About Sharisse Kimbro**

Sharisse Kimbro earned a BA in English and an MA in Sociology from Stanford University in addition to a law degree from the University of Michigan. She has enjoyed a successful career in the public and private sectors but never lost her passion for putting life into words. She resides in Chicago with her family.

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