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***Once in a Blood Moon*****, American Fiction Awards Winner: African American Literature**

***By Dorothea Hubble Bonneau***

1807: The African American heiress of a prosperous plantation flees for her life when her mother dies and her father is murdered by racists eager to seize her estate.

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Experiences woven into the creation of *Once in a Blood Moon*

Documentationabout the slaves who helped Bonneau’s ancestor, John Fowler, to escape the slave quarters of a South Carolina plantation where young Fowler faced probable death \* Service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Tanzania, East Africa \* Study with Dhyani Ywahoo, Twenty-seventh generation Cherokee medicine keeper \* Fifteen years of research that included travel to South Carolina, The Dominican Republic and Toledo, Spain \* Observing the courage required to maintain self-respect when one is marginalized, from her son Dave who had Down syndrome; the premature death of her father.

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