

ANGIE D. LEE

"Women; especially women of color, crave literature that doesn't preach to them, but speaks to them."

Angie D. Lee was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Illinois State University and the University of Illinois at Chicago where she graduated with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Social Work.

After college, Angie worked with various populations including domestic violence survivors, child welfare recipients and children/adolescents who received special education services in the public school system. Angie always had a passion for working with people in various capacities as well as wanting to understand how a person's environment and/or circumstances affected their decision making.



Angie's love for reading and writing began at a young age when she first read "Mama" by best-selling author, Terry McMillan. She was only in sixth grade at the time and even though her mother made it painfully clear not to read her novels as she deemed they were "too old" for her, Angie's curiosity got the better of her as she would sneak her mother's novels in her backpack and read them at school. Angie's amazement with the woman's experience was intriguing to her. She wanted to find out more about how women historically overcame obstacles on a daily basis; juggling many hats while trying to remain unscathed at the same time. *"These women made you think, escape, cry, get angry, take action and even accept the inevitable. This began my love affair with women's fiction and I never looked back."* As an adult, Angie has yearned for a wider representation of women's literature that transcends the simplistic view of the female experience while diving more into its complexities.

Through fictitious characters, Angie shares with you various experiences of women whose voices are minimally or never heard; whether they are beautiful or ugly, consistent or contradictory, exciting or dull, happy or angry, defeated or a survivor, loving or spiteful, educated or illiterate, fearless or scared, self-assured or confused, optimistic or depressed, feminine, masculine or androgynous, gay or straight, unimaginative or creative, sluggish or driven, chaste or sexual. One thing for sure; the commonality is they are all encompassing.

When Angie is not writing, you can definitely find her curled up with a good book, getting a massage, shopping for the best incense, black soap and/or shea butter, listening to live music or hitting up the roller rinks. Angie lives with her husband Reggie, daughter, Ramiyah and son, Reggie Jr. in Chicago where an impromptu trip to the jerk chicken shack and/or frequenting comedy sets is a way of life for her.

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