

Introduction



In a spirit of unity, "The Black Quill" combines the best from the first five years of United Black Writers Association (UBWA), previously known as the Black Writers' Guild of MD – Prince George's Chapter. With reviews of speaker's books, speaker spotlights, and "Write From The Spirit," a self-publishing primer, we bring together literary excellence from people of all ethnicities to inspire our future generations. The growth of black literature is the result of a long struggle by people of color; let us not forget.

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Dedicated To You

**"Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision and
make it plain on tablets,
that he may run who reads it."
Habakkuk 2:1 King James Version (KJV)**

**"A book is a version of the world.
If you do not like it, ignore it;
Or offer your own version in return."
Salman Rushie**

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