



AUTHOR DANETTE MCKINLEY (KING) BIO

Danette King has been a fighter all of her life. Born July 30, 1974 in Chicago, IL, she has faced and overcome many adversities including coming from a broken family and having to enter the judicial system at an early age. Danette is a proud parent of seven children. Losing her second child to death at the age of 16 and suffering from multiple forms of abuse. She has dedicated her life to changing the lives and views of the youth of today.

Danette has done multiple services and given countless donations to the Austin Township Community and has worked for other community organizations to help establish a healthier living environment for today's urban youth. Through King's love and passion for children and impoverished teens, she Founded Young Creative Minds Youth Organization (2007) -which has etched quite a reputation within itself- Danette created and facilitated the infamous West-Side Beat the Street Spelling Bee (Created within the Austin Community this event was catered to Chicago Public School District to promote literacy awareness and good sportsmanship among peers as well as scholastic acceleration), YCM Landscaping Services (Teenagers that were either on probation or parole had the option to complete their community service through this program and also had a later opportunity to be employed for their services), and the Community Salute Concert Series (Finding yet another innovative way to give back to her community, she orchestrated a free concert for underprivileged children who couldn't afford concert tickets to see their favorite artists), just to name a few of her many attributes to her community. Danette uses her past pains as her strengths in order to pave a road for children and young adults that have or are currently traveling a path that she has once traveled.

From speaking of past pains from abusive and non-cohesive relationships to dealing one on one with Chicago's underground drug cartel, she continues to inspire young women as well as young men to be more than what the system has stereotyped them; a statistic. These endeavors good and bad had lead Danette to become an Author ready to share her testimony to the world. Danette claim the profession Author in 2010 and released her first book in March 2012, "The Bruises from my Mother's Love" a seven book series that is taking the world by storm. Danette has also received multiple accolades from city alderman and even Mayor Daley himself, and as long as she continues to be a standing pillar in the urban community, she is sure to receive much more in the future.

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