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BEYOND THE BROKEN: DEBUT NOVEL BY SHARISSSE KIMBRO LEAVES NO STONE UNTURNED ON THE RIVETING JOURNEY THROUGH BROKEN PIECES, PERSONAL TRUTHS AND EVENTUAL WHOLENESS

CHICAGO (2013) – What happens when the life you planned isn't the life you get?

New author Sharisse Kimbro uses fiction to explore how women reconcile the lives they wanted at 21 with the lives they end up with 20 years later in her debut novel *Beyond the Broken*, available today at

www.sharissekimbro.com. *Beyond the Broken* is self-published in partnership with [Open Books Editions](http://OpenBooksEditions.com).

Chicago-based Kimbro pulls from her varied life experiences and those of the women around her in writing the story of five well-educated, accomplished Black women who – on the surface -- appear to have it all. Chapter by chapter, woman by woman, Kimbro gently and methodically unmask the pain and secret coping mechanisms that lie beneath when the college friends reunite under sudden, tragic circumstances. Kimbro breathes life into relatable, fictional characters by honing in on real-world themes such as motherhood, depression, serial singleness, suicide and betrayal. While *Beyond the Broken* is for any woman who dares to expose painful truths in exchange for healing and fullness, it also offers a unique, refreshing perspective for African-American women -- who aren't often heard on these topics.

"I was inspired by the seminal Langston Hughes poem, 'A Dream Deferred,'" said Kimbro after she experienced her a mirror moment when she didn't recognize her own reflection in the life she found herself living. "While *Beyond the Broken* taps into dashed hopes and shattered expectations, it's also a story about the beauty and resilience of women finding the strength to rise above the brokenness," added Kimbro.

Steadily rising in popularity, *Beyond the Broken* has received [iuniverse's](http://iuniverse.com) Editor's Choice recognition, maintained a 5-star rating on Amazon.com's Customer Review panel and attracted hundreds to Kimbro's book signings. Kimbro is available for media interviews and appearances. Media who wish to review *Beyond the Broken* may request a complimentary copy by contacting Christina Crawford at ccrawford@taylorcommunicationsgroup.com. *Beyond the Broken* is also available at Amazon.com and [Barnes & Noble](http://Barnes&Noble.com). Visit www.sharissekimbro.com for more information, upcoming events and to join Kimbro on [Facebook](http://Facebook.com) and [Twitter](http://Twitter.com).

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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