

PRESS RELEASE

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The new book, THE MAN I LOVE AND ME, by Sanford, Florida resident, Willis Burris, is now available for checkout at the Seminole County Public Library. Burris, an accountant, economist and educator has just produced his first major literary work, which he recently launched in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. He is a graduate of York College of the City University of New York in Queens, Pace University in New York City and was the 2009-2010 "Rookie Teacher of the Year" for Seminole County Public Schools in Florida.

THE MAN I LOVE AND ME (TMILAM) is a biographical memoir which addresses the role of a visionary father- figure in guiding the spiritual, academic and economic fortunes of a family of 12, with 10 children, including one girl and nine boys. It recounts "the scintillating admiration and dynamic relationship which flourished between a father and a son within the context of a Caribbean family and its interaction with a wider world culture. It delves into family customs and trials, religion, politics, business, economics, humor, love and grief, education, and a panoply of emotions and situations."

THE MAN I LOVE AND ME is available from www.willisburris.org

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Willis Burris, along with other first time authors of Trinidad and Tobago will be honored for his first book, THE MAN I LOVE AND ME, during the BOCAS LIT FEST (<http://www.bocaslitfest.com>) by the National Library and Information System Authority (NALIS) of Trinidad and Tobago (<http://www.nalis.gov.tt>), on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at the main library in Port of Spain at the corner of Hart and Abercromby Street. His book, along with his photograph and a short bio about his book will be on display for the public to review from April 27 – May 2, 2016.

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Earlier this month, as the new author of, THE MAN I LOVE AND ME, Willis Burris attended the National Black Writers Conference at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York in Brooklyn, along with professor emeritus Dr. David L. Closson of Sanford, Florida. They also attended several outstanding workshops and viewed short films, reviews and presentations. These were all sponsored by the Center for Black Literature at Medgar Evers College (<http://www.mec.cuny.edu/centers/CBL.aspx>). In addition to participating in the conference, Burris made donations of his new book to the President of York College, his undergraduate Alma mater and to four department heads, including the Chief Librarian Njoki Wa Kinyatti and head of the Journalism Department, Professor Glenn Lewis. Burris also gave a talk on "Spiritually Inspired Business and Investing" at the Bahá'í Center in New York City. He then conducted book reviews and signings at the Nicholas Brooklyn Store in Brooklyn, NY: Wartburg Residence in Mount Vernon, NY: and at the Spoil Me 2 Store at the Springfield Mall in Philadelphia, PA.



Willis Burris

