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BIO

To call her Keturah Kendrick only opens the door of discovery to this woman who cannot be defined by a name or set of expectations. While she's a passionate teacher to her students, she's also an inspiring writer to her readers. She fulfills her life mission as an ambassador of freedom to black women, living and loving life beyond boundaries in order to create peace.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Keturah Kendrick's home is the world. As a child of the south, she grew up receiving persistent and pervasive messages about her limitations as a girl and her deficiencies as an African American. However, the fires of destiny continually kept those poisonous messages at bay. When introduced to inspiring Black women authors, the fire was reignited and she knew her home could not confine her desire to soar. She was meant to be an unmarried Black woman, absent of children, living a joy-filled, fulfilling life as a resident of the world. Since then, she hasn't looked back!

Having lived on three continents, Keturah Kendrick presently lives in New York City after spending years teaching in China and Rwanda. She chronicles her life and those of ordinary Black women living extraordinary lives on her cutting-edge podcast, *Unchained. Unbothered.* In its second season, *Unchained. Unbothered.* features women from all walks of life who find common ground in their perspectives on 21st century Black womanhood. Episodes feature interviews from an eclectic array of women representing a plethora of diverse lifestyles. While all sharing different experiences, each woman interviewed lays bare her challenges, triumphs, contradictions, pleasures and everything in between. Keturah Kendrick just published her critically acclaimed book, *No Thanks: Black, Female and Living in the Martyr Free Zone*, which is available at Barnes and Noble and other bookstores nationwide.





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PRESS RELEASE

Keturah Kendrick's 'No Thanks' Brings Focus on Single Womanhood in the Black Community, Sans Apologies

(November 30, 2019) – Keturah Kendrick, the popular new author chronicling the lives of single Black women, is on a mission. Her debut book, “No Thanks: Black, Female and Living in the Martyr Free Zone” has received popular acclaim and appreciation, living up to the expectations of both readers and critics alike.

Soon after its launch, ‘No Thanks’ has gone mainstream. The book has been ranked as No. 3 on Pretty Progressive’s Most Relatable Books, and listed as the Sixth Most Empowering Book and reviewed in Watch Jaro. Keturah also got a mention in the Black Ruby Mag.

‘No Thanks’ chronicles the challenges and reflections of a single Black woman, with no children, and considering the world as her home. The essays, sharp and witty, have brought the issue of singlehood to the forefront in the Black community. The essays also reveal the bewildering ways in which Keturah got tagged by others: in Africa she was a ‘crazy American woman’, in Asia, she was ‘too much altogether’, and in the US, not considered the ideal and ‘good Black woman’.

In ‘No Thanks’ Keturah emerged as a free woman, living unapologetically, challenging the readers’ conceptions of what it means to be enough for oneself and others. She also reveals the rich experiences of women who are single by choice.

Keturah quotes Zora Neale Hurston when asked about what motivates her: “If you don’t open your mouth, they will kill you and say you enjoyed your own death.” For Keturah, only we can tell our stories, and say, “I was here. I existed in this space and time.” ‘No Thanks’ has received mention in ‘Psychology Today’, and the ‘Bustle Magazine’, and has been featured on WWL TV’s “Sheba’s Shelf.” Reviews of ‘No Thanks’ can be found on Psych Central, Single Girls Rock, NeoGriot and Non Parents. Keturah recently moderated a panel, ‘Shanghai Women Are Smashing the Patriarchy’. She has been featured on the ‘Be a Force’ podcast and on WWL TV’s Great Day Louisiana. Keturah was a guest speaker at the recently held National Black Book Festival, and the Baltimore Book Festival, and was invited to the National Press Club.

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2019 BOOK TOUR

- 11/23- Own Your Truth: Reading and Workshop November 23, 2019 at Cafe Con Libros in Brooklyn, NY
- 11/3- Baltimore Book Festival Baltimore, MD
- 11/2- Book Event at Flourish Book Store in Baltimore, MD.
- 11/1-National Press Club Author's Night, Washington, DC
- 10/26- Shrine of the Black Madonna Cultural Center Book Event, Houston, TX
- 10/26- National Black Book Festival in Houston, TX.
- 9/21- Featured Panelist at The Write Women Book Festival in Maryland
- 8/10- Reading and Signing of No Thanks at Barnes & Noble at Howard University in Washington, DC
- 8/3- No Thanks Discussion: Black & Female in the Age of Trump at Uncle Bobbie's Coffee & Books Philadelphia, PA
- 7/13-No Thanks Discussion and Reading Bluestockings Bookstore New York City, NY
- 7/3- Featured Author at Blood Jet Series The Dragon Fly Blood Jet Poetry Series New Orleans, LA
- 7/2- Keturah Takes "No Thanks" Home Community Book Center New Orleans, LA
- 6/7- Shanghai Book Launch of No Thanks: Black, Female and Living in the Martyr-Free Zone, at Lychee Lounge in Shanghai, China.
- 3/8- Moderator for Panel Discussion on International Women's Day AT Xian-Jiaotong-Liverpool University (XJTU)
- 2/24- Smashing the Patriarchy: A Conversation Among Women Sunday,

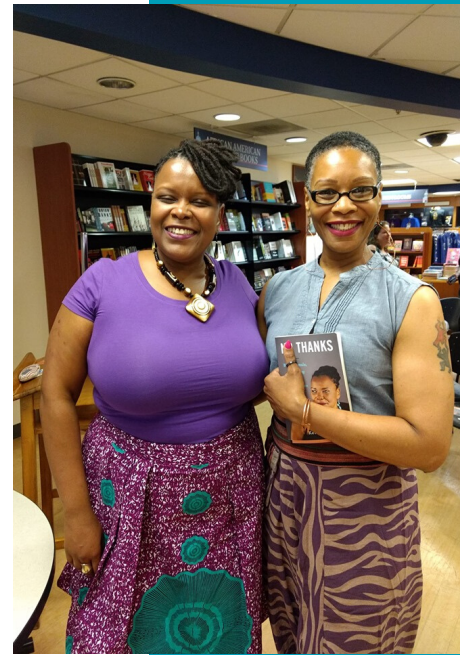




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KETURAH IN THE NEWS

- No Thanks Ranked as #3 on Pretty Progressive's Most Relatable Books
- Keturah Gets Mention in Black Ruby Mag
- No Thanks Listed as Sixth Most Empowering Book
- Book Review of No Thanks in Watch Jaro
- No Thanks Gets Mention in Psychology Today
- No Thanks Gets Mention in Bustle Magazine
- Keturah Featured on WWL TV's Great Day Louisiana
- No Thanks is featured on WWL TV's "Sheba's Shelf."
- Review of No Thanks on Psych Central
- Review of No Thanks on Single Girls Rock
- Review of No Thanks on Non Parents
- Keturah Moderates Panel: Shanghai Women Are Smashing the Patriarchy
- Keturah Featured on Be a Force podcast
- Review of No Thanks on NeoGriot
- Interview with Keturah on She Writes Press blog
- No Thanks Gets Mention on Go Sparks Press blog





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