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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Ngozi (pronounced en-Goh-zee) M. Obi is an American author of Nigerian descent whose love for writing has evolved into three published novels to date.

Her journey as a writer began in response to her search for a genre of easy to read books with an inspirational message that weren't preachy. She also found that delving into writing served as an escape and a way to deal with her late mother's illness and subsequent passing. It allowed her to tap into her vivid imagination and create tangible characters that most people can relate to.

Her first novel, Love's Destiny, was published in 2009. It follows the main character, Naeerah, in a tale of love lost and found. Her second novel, When Dreams and Visions Collide, was published in 2010. It follows Fern and her friends in a tale of fulfilling dreams against all odds. Her third novel, Love's Legacy, was published in 2016 and continues the quest of true love in a riveting sequel to her debut novel. She's currently working on several other novels which will be published at a future date. All of her novels are available through most online booksellers and can be accessed through the store section of her website.

Ngozi finds inspiration for her novels from the basic things in life and her books aim to inspire adults of all ages, especially young women. A central theme to some of her books is her personal testimony and commitment to remain a virgin until marriage. A message she feels is necessary in a world where there's constant bombardment and pressure to become part of its sex crazed culture. Most people testify to being delivered from their involvement in this culture but she attests to God's keeping power! It proves that people don't necessarily have to put themselves through this type of mess in order to have a message. God can keep you from the mess and the effects of it. She hopes this message will be a light in a world where lines of moral absolutes have become completely blurred.

Dr. Obi also practices as a pharmacist in the state of Virginia, where she serves the community by helping save lives through medical outcomes intervention. Her role as a Pharmacist is one she takes very seriously and uses it frequently to educate the community on the importance of being present and owning a role in one's personal health care. She hopes to expand this role through speaking engagements.

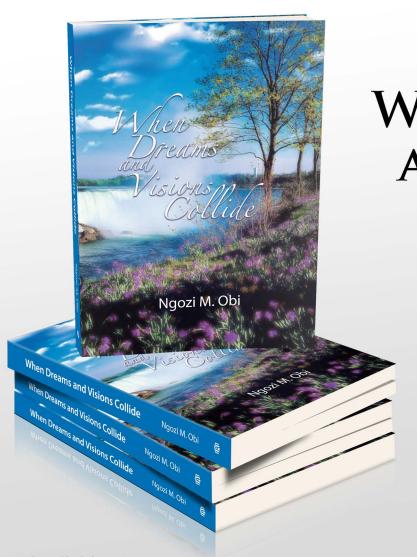
In her spare time, when she's not busy writing books or serving the community through pharmacy practice, she enjoys going to the spa, cooking (frequently experimenting with different recipes), Zumba, shopping and reading.

### INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What can you tell me about yourself (the author)?
2. What inspires you as an author?

3. Who is your hero?

4. Why did you decide to become an author?



WHEN DREAMS AND VISIONS COLLIDE

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Fern Whitfield has just opened her own production company which she proudly calls Whitfield productions, when out of the blue, she's surprised by her best friend with the possibility of producing her first movie.

She jumps at the opportunity because it's something she's always wanted to do. The excitement is overwhelming and things look like its all coming together until love comes calling. Will the green eyed monster of envy and jealousy ruin her chance of fulfilling her dream?

Follow Fern and friends as they discover what it truly means to love unconditionally and that it takes more than the visionary to realize the birth of a dream.

### "WHEN DREAMS AND VISION COLLIDE"

The night ended much in the same way it started, on an extremely high note. The limousine that brought Fern and Jayden to the event picked them up and took them back. Fern was the first to be dropped off. She tingled all over as Jayden reached in and kissed her good night. She wanted to linger in his strong and able arms but she couldn't because the next day was Sunday and she had to get some sleep so she could be fresh for church in the morning. They'd certainly had a long and exciting evening. She finally pulled herself away from their loving embrace and said good night to Jayden. He reluctantly complied and let her go. He promised to pick her up for church in the morning. Fern told him she liked that. He was certainly laying the right foundation in their relationship. At Jayden's request, the limousine driver waited until she was safely inside the house before he drove off. Fern remotely closed the gate after they drove off and got ready for bed. She took a long bath and enjoyed some Hibiscus chamomile tea in an effort to curb some of the excitement she still felt and relax enough to get some sleep. As she lay cuddled under silk bed sheets still musing over the earlier events of the night, these thoughts came to her mind. "Dreams and Visions are really God's way of giving us insight into who we were meant to become. They often start as simple desires or endless yearnings in our hearts. We must never ignore what we feel but rather nurture them until they become reality. In the process, we must pray for the wisdom to recognize those called alongside us to help fulfill those dreams and visions. Even those that appear to be thorns in our sides serve a purpose. We must also never become weary or lose sight of our dreams and visions or our capacity to dream because doing so will only cause us to lose our ability to become what we were meant to be. Though our dreams and visions tarry as the scripture says in Habakkuk 2:3, we must wait on it. For the vision is for an appointed time and will surely manifest and become reality." Fern had a Selah moment as she pondered her thoughts. Her dream had definitely become reality at the appointed time and she knew the best was yet to come. She drifted off to sleep as she continued to ponder the evening's earlier events.

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

AAMBC Book Review Reviewer's Name: Maria Marshall-Bean Rated 4 out of 5

#### Review:

"What a GREAT READ! Kudos to Author Ngozi M. Obi. I LOVED the storyline, it was a modern day good vs evil. I especially liked Fern, the main character. She made you want to be her friend. She had such an aura about her, innocent but not naive, honest but not holier than thou. Then there was Layla, her self-centered, self-destructive, woe is me friend. It was obvious from the beginning she was going to be trouble. Her jealousy of Fern consumes her throughout the storyline. Layla's antics are very common for people (friends) who let the green eyed monster of jealousy prevail. I liked that there was no explosive, predictable ending. I must applaud the author for this move. Despite all the antics of a few characters, the plot and storyline were great. It proves that each of us has a planned destiny and although we may face unforeseen obstacles, God's plan is God's plan. The trials are merely a test of our faith. This is a great book to add to your library. I recommend it for THE MESSAGE it brings.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS "WHEN DREAMS AND VISION COLLIDE"

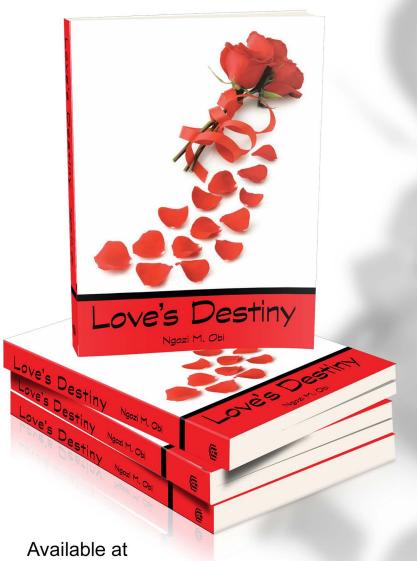
- 1. Hibiscus tea or Coffee? What does Fern drink in the morning?
- 2. What has Fern always dreamed of doing and how do Sole & Layla fit into the picture?
- 3. Talking about stereotypes,

A. Is Fern's view of her assistant, Valerie, the typical way successful African Americans see those that aren't so successful?

B. What about Valerie's view of Fern? Do people like her see most successful African Americans as sell outs?

4. Does the book inspire you to fulfill your dreams even if the odds are against you & people are trying to keep you from your destiny?





## LOVE'S DESTINY

Fiction | Contemporary AuthorHouse - August 2010 - 420 pages ISBN: 6x9 Paperback (978-1-45207-109-1) 6x9 Hardcover (978-1-45207-110-7) eBook (978-1-45207-111-4) Suggested Retail Price: \$22.99 - Paperback \$ 31.99 - Hardcover \$ 9.99 - Ebook You can order "Love's Destiny" directly from the publisher at www.authorhouse.com. Typical Ordering Time: 7-10 Business Days This book is also available at your local resellers. © 2010 Author Solutions, Inc.







Love's Destiny introduces Naeerah, a somewhat naïve young woman, whose entire life's schedule is suddenly interrupted by a chance meeting with a Christian rock star named Luke.

She's immediately thrown into the spotlight of being a rock star's girlfriend and all that lifestyle entails. Her father is not happy with their relationship because he fears it will take her off course. Defying her father, she moves to Luke's hometown for a chance to get to know him better, only to find out when she gets there that she doesn't fit the mold of what those closest to Luke would like to see him with.

Through a whirlwind of dramatic circumstances, she's forced back home with her parents and is separated from the love of her life. Will divine destiny unfold in their lives when there seems to be no hope?

#### EXCERPT FROM LOVE'S DESTINY"

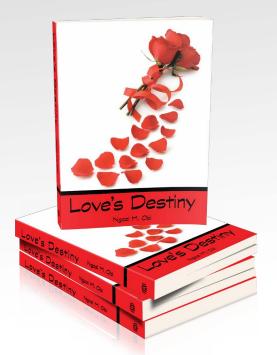
"We're each only given one lifetime here on earth. And that lifetime is indeed what we make of it with God's help. There are many paths that may lead us to different destinations in our lifetime, some good, some not so good. If we're fortunate enough in the lifetime we're given we can find that one path that will lead us to our divine destiny and that's the cake. But if we're truly fortunate, we can also find that one person, our soul mate, if you wish, who will love us unconditionally, faults and all and journey along with us on this God-given path. Finding our one true love during our one lifetime makes the burdens more bearable. the adventures more breath-taking and the sweet times like candy because we have someone to share it with. After all, our lifetime was meant to be shared. and that is definitely the icing on the cake."

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

AAMBC Book Review Reviewer's Name: Maria Marshall-Bean Rated 3 out of 5

#### Review:

Love's Destiny is a good read. Author Ngozi M. Obi has great potential. Throughout the story I felt as though I was reading a fairytale. The way the romance developed between the two main characters proved how overly naive Naeerah was. I have to give the author credit though. I can appreciate the innocence of love and the devotion the characters have to God. This was a breath of fresh air. I would recommend Love's Destiny because it showed that standing by your convictions and living by God's word is not a thing of the past.

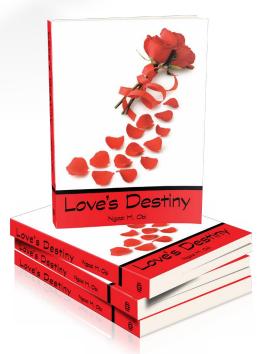


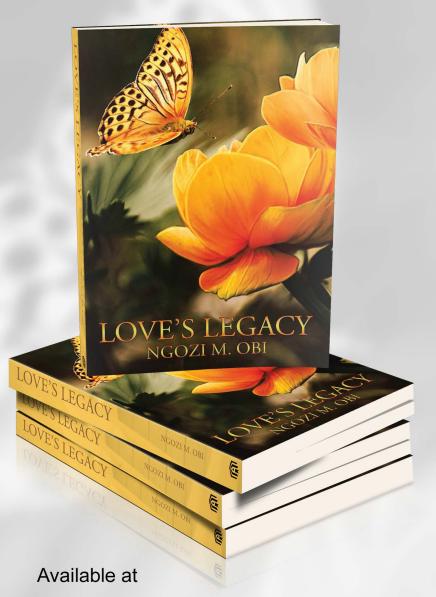
## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS "LOVE'S DESTINY"

1. In the book Luke says he knew Naeerah was the one for him the moment he saw her. Do you believe in love at first sight?

2. When it comes to love & marriage, do you believe God has one person He's created for us or many people who fit the bill for us to pick from?

- 3. What's your take on interacial relationships since Luke and Naeerah are an interacial couple?
- 4. Naeerah's father threatened to disown her if she married Luke. Do you value your parents' opinion when it comes to who to date or marry or even just living life in general? Should it matter what they think?





## LOVE'S **LEGACY**

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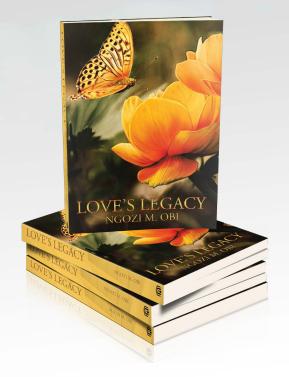
Love's Legacy continues Luke and Naeerah's epic love story. They've found their way back to one another in spite of the insurmountable odds that threatened to keep them apart, but no one is ever fully prepared for the storms life brings. Luke and Naeerah are no different.

Follow our favorite couple as they fight to weather the storms of life while desperately trying to hold on to each other and their family.

Will their marriage ship sink or stay afloat in the sea of life's process and prove their love is unbreakable and worthy to be branded a lasting legacy?

#### EXCERPT FROM "LOVE'S LEGACY"

"Legacy is much more than
the amount of money,
property or material things
left behind when we're gone.
It's the fabric of who we are.
Good or bad,
our life defining moments make up this fabric
and determine the legacy we leave behind.
When all is said and done,
what will the fabric woven
by all of our life's moments
tell the coming generations about us?
What will our legacy be?"



#### **BOOK REVIEW**

AAMBC Book Review Reviewer's Name: Danielle Urban Rated 5 out of 5

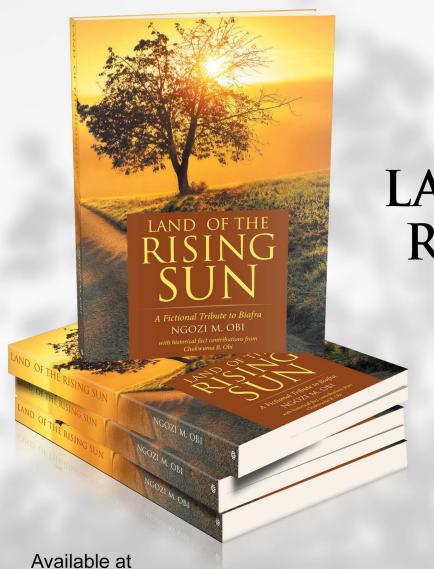
#### Review:

Dr. Obi has beautifully created a tale that brought the realities of life and the hardships that we face into a world of fiction that we all can enjoy. Highly entertaining and inspirational...Love's Legacy lured me in deeply. The characters are so real with issues that make this novel 3 dimensional. The emotional journey was definitely one exciting thrill ride. I found myself completely enjoying and waiting to experience again when I read this story once more. The love that the main characters Luke and Naeerah have for one another is something, as a reader, that amazed me. Their love went deep physically and emotionally. Both made sacrifices for the other. In today's world it's rare to find a love like these characters had. Despite all obstacles, they held through with true declaration of love for another. Life always threatens to take away what we have and it's not any different where Luke and Naeerah are concerned. True love may have or may not have won in this brilliant piece by Dr. Obi. Readers have to read it to find out for themselves. I absolutely loved reading Love's Legacy, the most inspiring, heart melting, and intriguing novel I have read. Overall, I highly recommend this title to readers everywhere.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS "LOVE'S LEGACY"

- 1. What inspired you to write Love's Legacy?
- 2. What does Legacy mean?
- 3. What do the blooming flower and the butterfly symbolize on the book cover?
- 4. Explain the quote "Dreams become destiny, destiny becomes legacy and legacy becomes the heritage of future generations."
- 5. Is this a sequel to Love's Destiny and will there be more sequels inspired by Love's Legacy?





LAND OF THE RISING SUN

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Most people have never heard of Biafra or the war that nullified its birth and impending existence as a country but those who lived the war still feel the sting and stigma of their wartime experiences.

Knowing a people's history helps gain an understanding of them, giving rise to compassion rather than condemnation and alienation. This is also true for a people's posterity, to gain awareness of their ancestry and ensure negative history never repeats itself. Though Biafra's rising sun is currently dimmed along its horizon, it will never be utterly extinguished because of the voices of those still crying out from the depths of the land.

Land of the Rising Sun chronicles the Biafran wartime indigene experience through the eyes of a young nurse in a historical fiction tribute.

#### EXCERPT FROM "LAND OF THE RISING SUN"

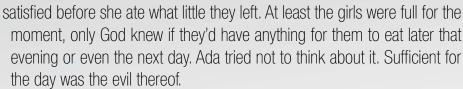
"Day break at Udi," the commentator announced over the radio.

Ada adjusted the small shortwave A.M. radio that kept them connected to the outside world as the signal started to fade. She fidgeted with it until the signal came back clear. She glanced over at her niece and God sister who were off in a corner of the room they'd called home for the past six months playing. The girls could probably have cared less about the radio commentator's words on a normal day but they were all waiting to hear if it was safe enough to venture out of their presently innocuous surroundings. The way of life in war had relegated them to this daily ritual if they were to survive and live another day.

The commentator shared extensive news of the Nigerian army's current whereabouts and if they'd advanced any further into Biafran territory. He told them the specific towns and villages where the Biafran army had been able to hold them back. Ada was glad they were nowhere near them today which meant they were safe and could continue normal daily activities for the moment. She said a quick prayer of thanks to God before finding her way to the makeshift kitchen they'd set up in their current place of abode to prepare breakfast.

Everything was temporary because of the war and had to be kept in a way that could easily be packed up in preparation for flight on foot at a moment's notice. She rummaged through the neatly stacked pile of kitchen equipment before her and pulled out what she needed to cook the little food they'd managed to gather the day before. It didn't take much effort but she managed to make the end product tasty. Being able to take whatever you had and create something palatable was definitely an art she learned from her mother. She'd even resorted to creating her own spice mixes on occasion to make it stretch and ensure that even though the food they had wasn't much, it still tasted good.

Ada finished cooking and served up her creation to her niece and God sister. They ate ferociously like they hadn't eaten in ages and would never see food again amidst telling her how good the food she prepared was. Ada acknowledged the touting of being an excellent chef from the girls but felt sorry for them. Adults could barely contain hunger let alone children. It just didn't seem fair that innocent children should be made to suffer as well. She waited until they were





Eating daily had become a luxury for most in Biafra as one of the Nigerian government's tactic to defeat Biafra in the war was to prevent food delivery into its land locked territory. They did this by restricting entry through Nigerian borders in hopes that it would force the Biafran army to surrender or have its indigenes starve to death. It worked to a certain extent because while adults could cope with prolonged periods of starvation, the children couldn't. They were certainly the most vulnerable in the situation and the food scarcity led to Biafran children dying of kwashiorkor due to malnutrition but Biafra refused to surrender. They'd rather the death of all its people than surrender to a tyrannical force like Nigeria. Biafra's freedom was worth death to all who resided within its borders.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS "LAND OF THE RISING SUN"

- 1. What inspired you to write this book?
- 2. What was the Nigerian-Biafran war about and why is it that most people haven't heard about it?
- 3. Are the characters in the book based on anybody you know?
- 4. How can we, as a society, be better versed on issues like this that happen around the world.
- 5. Will you write more books like this to highlight similar issues around the world?

