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ABOUT
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Kenesha Carter is an author, educator, and coach. Her passion for tackling young adult issues has led to the creation of, *Caught in the Middle*. Kenesha was born and raised in Compton, CA where she began to learn that life is about the decisions we make. Kenesha left her native hometown to attend Grambling State University in Grambling, LA. After obtaining her undergraduate and graduate degrees, she learned and observed first hand some of the

challenges that young adults face navigating through college and life itself. Kenesha wrote this book to encourage young adults, to help them understand that we all have different paths and to provide learning lessons. Kenesha is dedicated to inspiring others through public speaking; she uses this opportunity to reach young adults through the medium of the classroom, on the court, athletic fields, general assemblies and various platforms.

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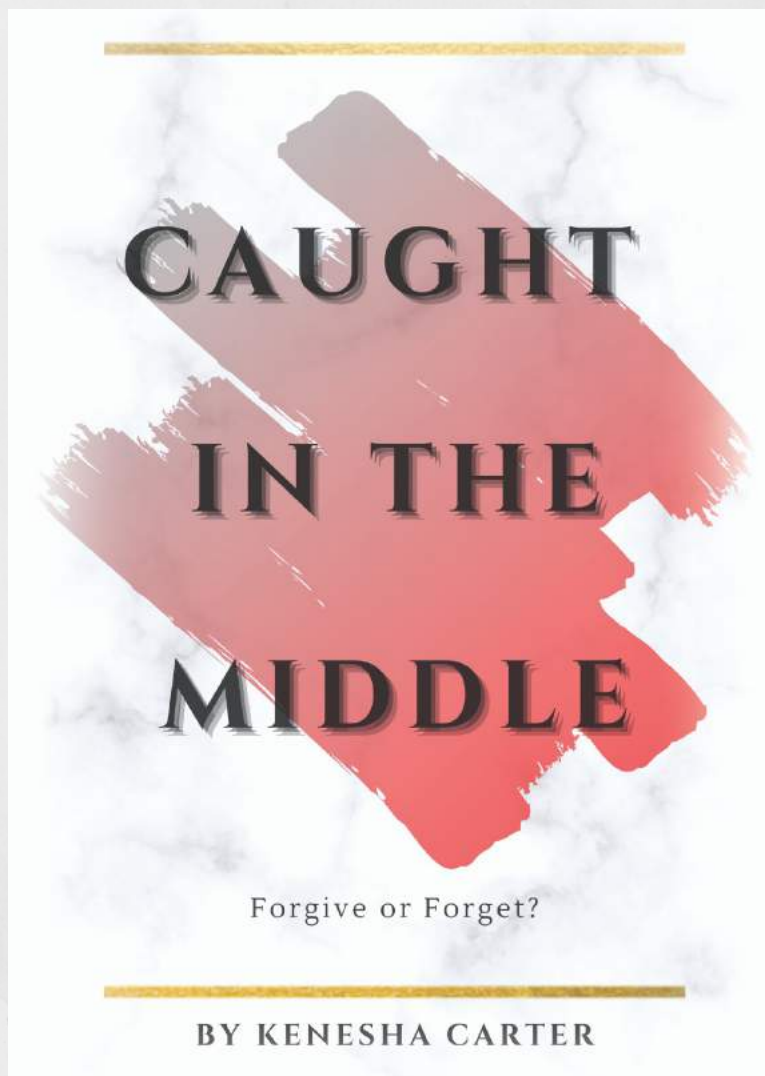
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A CLOSER LOOK IN...

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE



When childhood friends, Monique Lyscott and Traci Chapman got accepted into college in Houston, Texas it was like a dream come true. No one could prepare them for the journey that they were about to embark upon with newly found friend, Chanel Hamilton. They all quickly learned that university life was not going to be everything they thought it would be. Follow these characters on their journey to experience fun, friendships, love, and how they handle life when someone's "Caught in the Middle."

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. When did you first realize you wanted to be a writer?
2. Who is this book for?
3. What was the motivation behind creating "Caught in the Middle?"
4. Where do you foresee the direction for Caught in the Middle going?
5. Why is this book and project important to you?

BOOK EXCERPT

Prologue

I was scared as hell. There are a few things in life that scare me: one, upsetting my parents; two, being in a public restroom taking a shit and to my surprise there is no tissue; and three, this moment right here. "Monique!" my mother yelled as I walked into the house from cheer practice. "Yes, Mom?" I replied. "You have mail from Hillman State University," she said with an excited tone. She smiled and handed me the letter. My hand shook as I grabbed it. Knots turned in my stomach. It literally seemed like the room got a hundred degrees hotter as I opened the letter and read out loud.

Dear Monique Lyscott, We are pleased to inform you that you have been admitted to... Before I could finish reading the letter, my mother screamed for Dad. "Bobby!" Mom grabbed and squeezed me in a bear hug. Dad came running into the kitchen. "What? What? What is all the commotion about?" Dad asked excitedly. "Moe got accepted into Hillman," Mom replied. Dad's mouth dropped. He looked at me proudly and said, "Congratulations, baby girl. I am so proud of you." "Thanks, Dad," I replied. We embraced. "How do you feel?" he asked. "Originally, I was so scared to read the letter," I responded while scratching my head. "Why were you scared, Monique? You are such a smart girl," he said. "I know, Dad. It's just that I want to make you and Mom proud of me. It was nerve wracking to think that I could have not been accepted to y'all's alma mater," I explained. That's when Mom chimed in, "Stop being so hard on yourself, Moe," Dad nodded in agreement. "Ok. I love you both, but I need to hurry up and call to see if Traci got her acceptance letter too," I kissed them both. "You both are inseparable," Mom said, smiling. "I know, Mom. What can I say she's my best friend," I made a mad dash to my room. The phone barely rang once before I heard Traci's voice. "Hello?" Traci answered the phone. "Did you get a letter from HSU?" "Yes, I did. Did you get a letter?" I responded. Traci is my opposite. She knows how to be calm when I'm not and she knows I can't stand it. "Girl, stop playing and tell me what your letter said," I was two seconds from going slap crazy on Traci. "Well... I GOT ACCEPTED!" Traci yelled from the other end of the phone. We both screamed with excitement. Traci and I have been friends since elementary. Our moms kept us in every activity possible but cheer was our sport. "This means we will have to get to school for cheer camp this summer before school starts," Traci added with pure enthusiasm. "True, HILLMAN HERE WE COME!" I screamed through the phone emphasizing my excitement.

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All I can say really is WOW!!! All I can say is wow! Kenesha had a preview of the book on her IG before the book was released and I was ready for more. What I was not ready for was the rest of the story! It's juicy, it's hilarious, and so relatable especially if you have gone to college let alone an HBCU! This book is fresh and you'd be doing yourself a disservice if you don't get it! It's one of those books you will have a hard time putting down because I definitely did lol
