

Kimberla Lawson Roby

New York Times Bestselling Author, Speaker, Podcast Host, and Founder of Successful Women of Faith – The Sisterhood, Kimberla Lawson Roby, has published 29 books which include her faith-based, nonfiction title, *THE WOMAN GOD CREATED YOU TO BE: Finding Success Through Faith—Spiritually, Personally, and Professionally*, as well as her novels, such as *SISTER FRIENDS FOREVER*, *BETTER LATE THAN NEVER*, *SIN OF A WOMAN*, *A SINFUL CALLING*, *BEST FRIENDS FOREVER*, *A CHRISTMAS PRAYER*, *THE PRODIGAL SON*, *THE PERFECT MARRIAGE*, *THE REVEREND’S WIFE*, *BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRAY FOR*, *SIN NO MORE*, *CASTING THE FIRST STONE*, and her debut title, *BEHIND CLOSED DOORS*, which was originally self-published through her own company, Lenox Press. She has sold **more than 3 million copies of her books**, and they have frequented numerous bestseller lists, including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Washington Post*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Essence*, *Upscale*, *Black Christian News*, *AALBC.com*, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, Wal-Mart, *The Dallas Morning News*, *The Austin Chronicle* and many others. Kimberla is also the host of *The Woman God Created You to Be Podcast*.

Over the years, Kimberla has spoken to thousands of women at conferences, churches, expos, workshops, luncheons, libraries, colleges, universities, and bookstores. **She shares her own personal journey straight from her heart and has a strong passion toward helping women become all whom God created them to be.**

Kimberla is the **2013 NAACP Image Award Winner for Outstanding Literary Work – Fiction**, the recipient of the **2017 SOAR Radio Trailblazer of Honor award**, the **2017 Southwest Florida Reading Festival Distinguished Author award**, the **2017 AAMBC Christian Fiction Author of the Year award** and the **2014 AAMBC Female Author of the Year award**, the **2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2013 African-American Literary Awards Show (New York, NY) Female Author of the Year award**, the **Blackboard Fiction Book of the Year Award in 2001 for CASTING THE FIRST STONE**, and in 2001, Kimberla was inducted into the **Rock Valley College Alumni Hall of Fame (Rockford, IL)**. Additionally, in August 2020, she was named by *USA Today* as one of the **100 black novelists you should read**, and in **February 2021**, her first nonfiction book, *The Woman God Created You to Be: Finding Success Through Faith—Spiritually, Personally, and Professionally*, was nominated for an **NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work – Instructional**, giving her **three NAACP Image Award nominations in total**.

Kimberla’s books deal with very real issues, including women empowerment, sexual harassment, racial and gender discrimination in the workplace, problems within the church (and the consequences), Christian/family/moral values, drug and gambling addiction, marriage, infidelity, single motherhood, breast cancer, infertility, sibling rivalry, domestic violence, childhood sexual abuse, mental illness, and the caregiving of a parent to name a few. In addition, Kimberla’s books offer a message of redemption, forgiveness, and the realities of everyday life. Kimberla resides in Illinois with her husband, Will.