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MARJORIE KORNEGAY

Marjorie Kornegay is a woman hand-picked by God to minister in the marketplace. Her compassionate and bubbly spirit brighten the countenance of everyone who steps through the doors of John 3:16 Christian Bookstore in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. For twenty-three years, she has been ministering to individuals and churches through the books and Christian materials available for purchase through the store. God used establishing the bookstore as a ministry to mature her walk of faith. She now proudly declares, "I'm a Woman of Faith." You will be blessed by her inspiring testimony.

This issue will also challenge you to "Live a Resurrected Life."

While You're Taking A Look Around Check Out:

- The Book Shelf and..
- Apply the Health Tip of the month from Total Person Concept!

On the Cover:

Marjorie Kornegay





Are You Living the **RESURRECTED** Life?

“For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection...”

Romans 6:5

Resurrection Sunday is the most celebrated and impactful day in the lives of Christians. It’s the day we commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord.

To resurrect means (a-nas-sta-sis) to rise from a lower status to a higher one.

When we accept the sacrificial work that Christ did on the cross, Christ resurrects us with Him. Resurrection with Christ means we can rise to a higher level of thinking and living. We don’t have to live an inferior life, a mediocre life.

Jesus’ resurrection removed all barriers and limitations to a successful and purposeful life. We don’t have to think like Gideon, who believed he and his family were weak and insignificant. He dismissed the idea that his family could do great exploits. (See Judges 6.)

As a believer in Christ Jesus, your thoughts should be:

- I serve the omnipotent God.
- I am powerful because the spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in me.
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

A resurrected life is a strong and courageous life; therefore, we don’t walk in fear, but we are full of faith. As God commanded Joshua, we should be bold and courageous in our thoughts and actions.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9

A resurrected life is a life of optimism, full of hope, confidence, and great expectations about the present and future.

A resurrected life is a life of creativity. We have new and fresh visions every day. We don’t live on the

stale bread from yesterday. God gives us creative concepts and witty inventions. He said, “Behold, I do a new thing...” Isaiah 43:19

A resurrected life is a life of no condemnation. There is no need to walk around in guilt or waddle in past mistakes because we have been forgiven of our past, present, and future sins. Romans 8:1
“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,”

A resurrected life is a rich, wholesome life. Please don’t throw it away! Get out of the limitations of your mind and into the newness of life Christ provided at Calvary on that Resurrection Morning. Thus, you can be the person God created you to be and leave the legacy God ordained for you.

A resurrected life finishes strong. We don’t merely come to the end of our lives, but we do like Jesus and finish strong. Jesus arose from the grave victoriously after conquering hell, death, and the grave.

Jesus accomplished His goals and is now sitting on the right hand of His Father, making intercession for you and me. His Father gave Him a name that is above all names. He is enjoying a resurrected life.

Since we have risen with Christ through baptism, we can enjoy the benefits of resurrection power and finish strong.

Are you just singing about and rejoicing in the events of the Resurrection, or are you living the resurrected life?

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A background of purple pansies with white and black centers. A dark purple banner at the top contains the name 'Marjorie Kornegay' in white cursive. A white oval on the right contains the title 'A VISION Comes True' in bold purple text. On the bottom right, a photograph of Marjorie Kornegay is shown, smiling and wearing a white floral top, a pearl necklace, a red beaded necklace, and several rings. She is surrounded by purple pansies.

Marjorie Kornegay

A VISION Comes True

Walking by faith and not by sight embodies my life story. Second Corinthians 5:7 KJV states, "*For we walk by faith not by sight.*" In 1981, God gave me a vision for a Christian Bookstore Ministry. However, the vision was an 18-year wait before I accepted the call. Christ has been the center of my walk of faith as I have been an active member of Tabernacle Baptist Church for over 50 years. I serve as President of the Women's Ministry, a position I held in the 1980s, and as Chairperson of the Special Activities Committee. I previously served as a Trustee and as a member of the Youth Council at Tabernacle Baptist Church.



Despite being an active church member, for years, I felt that I could not do what God said about opening a Christian bookstore. Although I had a very successful home-based business selling gold and silver jewelry by having customers host jewelry parties, I had never owned a business in a commercial location, nor had I operated a cash register, purchased bulk merchandise from vendors to stock shelves, or hired employees in the retail arena. I was dealing with the unknown and walking in fear, not faith.

After working in the government in the field of Equal Employment Opportunity and 38 years of

government service, I retired on December 31, 1998, as the Assistant Director for EO Programs at the Department of Treasury Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

Following my retirement, my journey to make the vision a reality began. In the book of Nehemiah, I believed and set out to fulfill a mission that God had set aside for me. I found out that there was an order to bring a vision to light. You must remember the vision, keep it covered in prayer, write your business plan, and work the plan, and it will surely come to pass. Habakkuk 2:2-4 reads, *"And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith."*

For we walk by

FAITH

After many repetitive dreams, visions, and prayers, lessons were learned during my preparation by God. Finally, after many prayers, scripture reading, and Bible study I conceded to the call by God to Christian Bookstore Ministry and my blessing from God came forth in His way and in His time. The vision became a reality on November 28, 1999, when John 3:16 Christian Bookstore opened its doors in Lanham, Maryland. In November 2022, John 3:16 celebrated 23 years in Christian Bookstore Ministry. I remember vividly the initial vision God gave me. I learned and now know that when God gives you a vision, He always makes the provision. In one of my many visions, God gave me the name of the bookstore, John 3:16, which refers to the Bible verse that reads, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish,*

but have eternal life.

John 3:16 Christian Bookstore Backstory...

“KJV

Never having been in Christian Bookstore Ministry, I called several owners of Christian bookstores in the DMV area, and one owner was glad to assist me. He offered me a book that detailed the call to Christian bookstore ministry. I distinctly remember the book gave a lot of good information, but one thing I remember in particular; is the author said that when you answer the call, God’s call to open a Christian Bookstore, you will not go out of business. The owner of the Christian bookstore that helped me suggested that I attend the Christian Booksellers conference held annually in Denver, Colorado. I could not attend, so I asked my daughter, Jamel, to attend. Both my daughter and son, Marc, a former elementary school teacher, supported my God-given vision. Jamel, a former flight attendant, also left her profession and relocated back to Maryland. Jamel attended the Christian Booksellers Associations conference and gathered lots of pertinent information to assist me further in establishing the vision God gave me.

The information made my vision much more straightforward. In my vision, the store was to have a purple color scheme that represents royalty, with reminders of fruits of the spirit. Jamel and Marc encouraged me and were very supportive in the birth of the vision. They assisted me in doing a name search and getting the business incorporated.

My finances were minimal; however, God showed me how to gather resources without taking out loans. Once the store opened, strangers came in and sowed into the Ministry. One customer said that God directed him to make a monetary donation to the store. My mother was so excited about the vision that she bought the carpeting for the store. My children and I found

fixtures for the store at an unbelievable cost.

Many of our customers and visitors to our store shared that they find

themselves in fellowship with other believers as they laugh, talk, witness and share God’s goodness.



Pastors, ministers, and several Christians have even offered prayers for the bookstore's success. Many people have said that once they came into the store, it was challenging to make a quick exit; other than the fellowship, a variety of Christian merchandise is available to potential customers. The store has even hosted conferences throughout the years. In the earlier days of the store opening, my daughter held Saturday morning story time for the children. My son, as a deejay, selects the best Christian music for our customers. We have book signings for local authors, and Christian musicians can come in and share their musical projects, CDs, etc. and sell them from the bookstore.



In July 2021, John 3:16 Christian Bookstore relocated to Largo, Maryland, after over 22 years in Lanham, Maryland. This new location was a full circle moment as Largo was the initial location that I desired. I've learned that it's all about God's timing. Not my will, but God's will be done. I encourage you, if you have a vision, if God gives you a vision, do not be afraid; write it down.



God gives you a vision, do not be afraid; write it down. the vision that God has given you, read the vision you have written, now take off running with your vision to see what the end is going to be, for God is going to do it! Yes, He will, and yes, He did it for me, for God is no respecter of persons means that God will provide every person with the opportunity to receive the blessings available through the plan of salvation.

Encourage Yourself



In closing, here are a few daily words of encouragement :

- Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.
- Exercise daily - walk with the Lord by reading His word.
- Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to an all-knowing God.
- Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. Stay positive!
- We do not know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future.



“Throughout the years, but especially the past 23 years, I’ve realized that I am a woman who walks by faith, not sight.”

Marjorie Komegay

I am a Woman of Faith.

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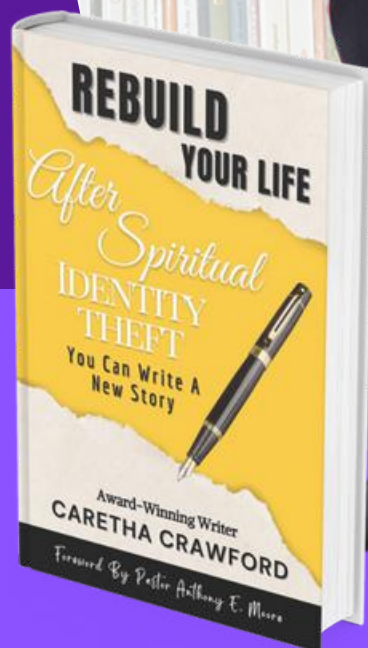
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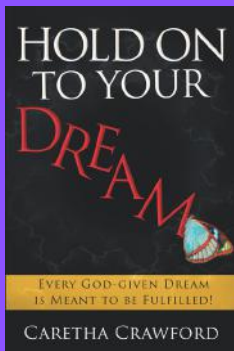
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The Author's Bookshelf

Check out these book titles from the Ladies who Graced the Cover of Distinguished Woman Magazine as well as publisher Dr. Caretha Franks Crawford

Dr. Caretha Crawford
Hold On To Your DREAM



Dr. Crawford's second book, Hold on to Your Dream, was written to encourage those who wonder if it is possible to achieve their dreams or if they should give up hope. Dr. Crawford inspires and challenges readers to think from God's perspective regarding their dreams and guides them on a journey of discovering their dreams or rekindling the flame of a lost passion. Using biblical principals and citing contemporary and biblical achievers, Questions are answered that many have about making their dreams a reality.

Dr. Caretha Crawford
DANCE: God's Gift to You!



"The aroma of God is being sensed throughout the earth, awakening those who God has ordained to carry forth the anointing of the dance in the earth." In the 21st century church, God is calling ministers of the dance in record numbers to fulfill His purpose-revealing His glory in the earth. This calling has prompted a myriad of questions in the minds of leaders and laypersons in the body of Christ. Dr. Crawford presents a fresh, clear biblical understanding of how God views the dance, elaborating on how and why dance should be used in the worship experience.

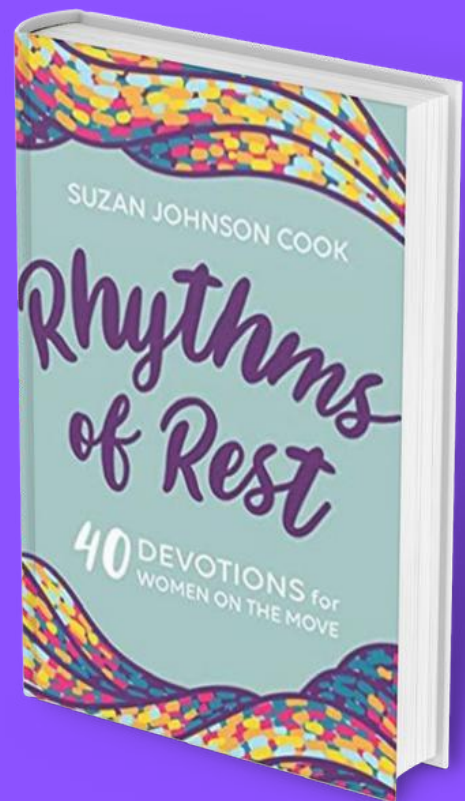
Are you so busy serving God that you struggle to find time to simply be with Him? You are not alone! Rest and retreat are essential parts of the spiritual life, but many Christian women find both elusive in the middle of lives busy serving families, churches, businesses, and communities.

Rhythms of Rest provides a respite for you to simply be still and spend time with Jesus. These 40 meaningful devotions invite you to pause and reflect on Scripture as you ponder topics like soul-care, sisterhood, seasons of life, and Spirit-led living. You'll find daily sustenance and strength from the personal stories, reflections, questions, quotes, and Scripture passages shared by your sisters in Christ.

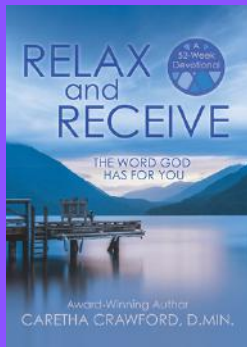
Suzan Johnson Cook and fellow contributing authors are leaders and influencers within Black and multicultural communities and churches, and their devotions speak strength to a woman's soul.

Featuring Devotions written by

Dr. Caretha Franks Crawford & Dr. Gloria Miller Perrin

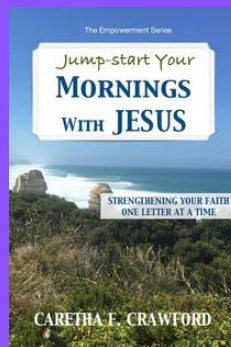


Dr. Caretha Carawford
RELAX and RECEIVE



GOD HAS A RELEVANT WORD FOR YOU... RELAX AND RECEIVE IT! A 52-Week Devotional of Meditative Thoughts For Spiritual Renewal Caretha Crawford has learned the value of slowing down and relaxing in the presence of God. The words she receives during these personal moments with her "Daddy" gives her new insights and draw her into a deeper relationship with Him. In this weekly devotional, she shares some of her most precious meditative thoughts received during these quiet times. As you read and reflect on them, they will challenge, strengthen and provide you with hope and encouragement to face each new week.

Dr. Caretha Carawford
Jumpstart Your Mornings with Jesus: Strengthening Your Faith One Letter At A Time



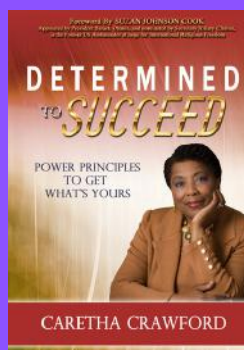
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Dr. Caretha Carawford
Promises And Prayers for Uncertain Times



Promises and Prayers for Uncertain Times is a collection of Scripture verses, affirmations, and prayers, accompanied by brilliant pictures of nature. These sixty inspirations speak of the promises that God has made to His people for challenging and uncertain times. They will lighten your heart, soothe your soul, and remind you that God is a compassionate God. He provides for your needs. As you meditate on each one, God will reassure you of His presence and power in your life. It's the perfect gift book for nature lovers.

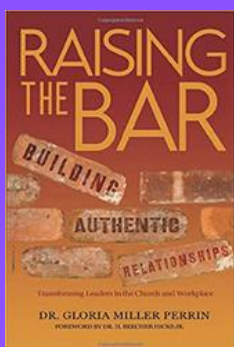
Dr. Caretha Carawford
Determined to Succeed: Power Principles to Get What's Yours



Go Get What's Yours! Everyone wants to succeed in life: achieving goals and leaving a legacy from which others will benefit. However, for some ethnic groups, it is more challenging to accomplish their goals due to the odds stacked against them. In her book, Determined to Succeed, she reveals a strategic plan for women of color or any ethnic group to live a successful life.

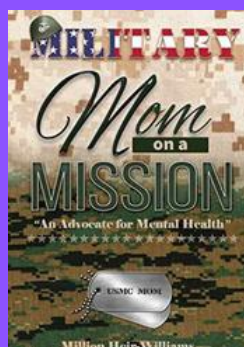
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Dr. Gloria Miller Perrin
Raising The Bar: Building Authentic Relationships



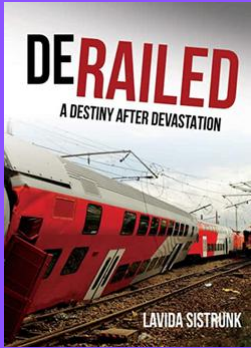
Will the real you please stand up! The word "authentic" has become the buzzword of our day. Everyone is looking for the real deal. The Millennials call it "Keeping it 100." More and more people are looking for authenticity with those they encounter. Authentic leaders are those that are striving to be open, honest, and straightforward. Raising the BAR offers a seven-part building process for leaders at all levels to help guide them along their authentic journey.

Million Heir-Williams
Military Mom on a Mission: An Advocate for Mental Health



As you read Military Mom on a Mission you will discover the journey of a mother and her family as her son returned from the Iraqi war. She was completely excited when her son returned with all his body parts, however, little did she know PTSD was lurking within the walls of her son's mind. The story unfolds taking you on this journey as every detail of the experience you feel. The confusion, excitement, loneliness, anger, frustration and many other emotions as you read along.

Pastor LaVida Sistrunk
DeRailed: A Destiny After Devastation

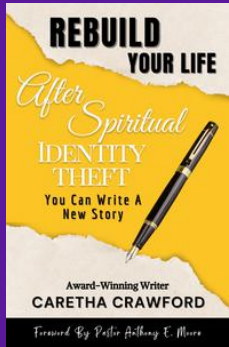


Has life ever thrown you a curveball? Have you encountered the death of a loved one, and unexpected job loss, a dire medical diagnosis, or something else that caused your life to run off your carefully selected track? Have you ever been plunged into confusion, depression, and despair and suffered in silence? DeRailed: A Destiny after Devastation by LaVida Sistrunk is an inspiring book that takes a look at a common experience that is often not discussed in the Christian community for fear of shame or judgment and trying to keep up the appearance of having it all together.

Cynthia J. Terry
Lie Down In Peace And Sleep: First Responder's Edition



Lie Down in Peace and Sleep is a clarion call for prayer for first responders at all levels. It's a devotional designed for first responders, their families and friends as well as thousands of community residents to develop a discipline of prayer and devotions leading to a good night's sleep. This book is designed to support and uplift the ones that sacrifice selflessly to support and protect US! Let's pray for our first responders and pray that they will be able to develop a dynamic prayer life so that they can sleep well for a better tomorrow.



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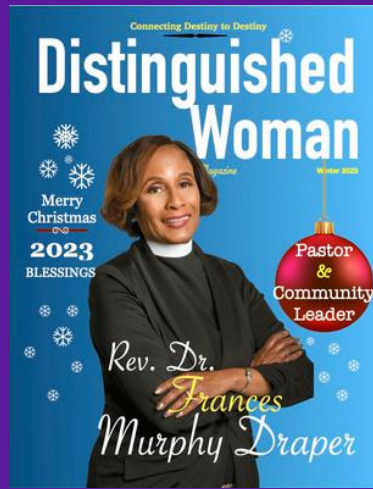


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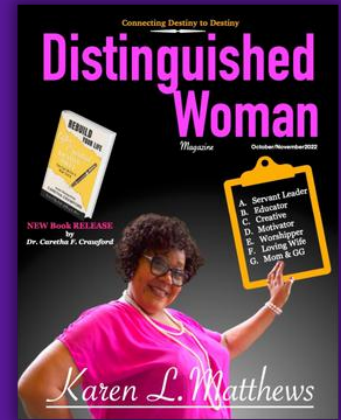
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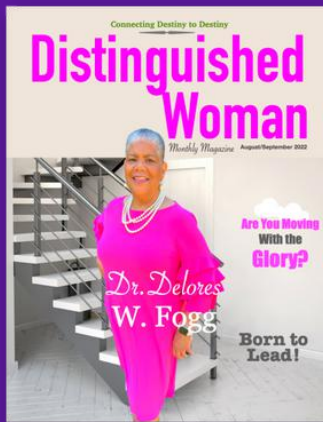


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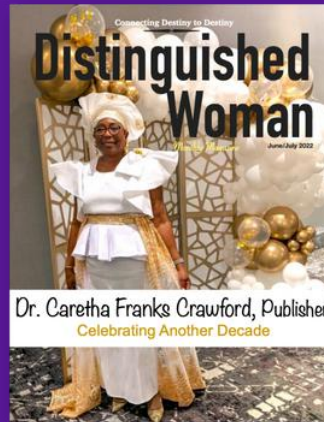


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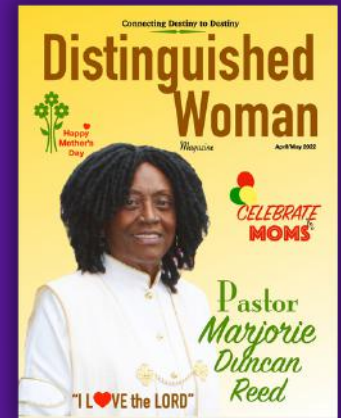
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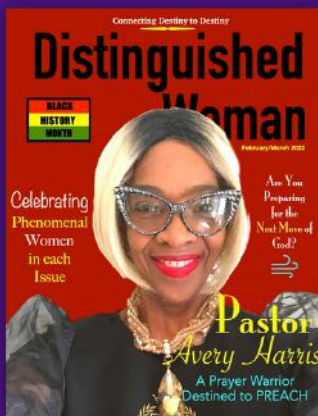
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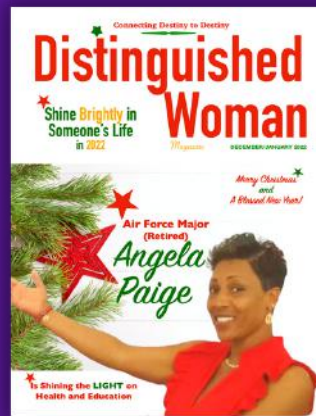
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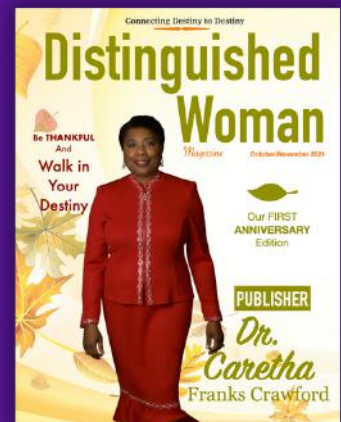
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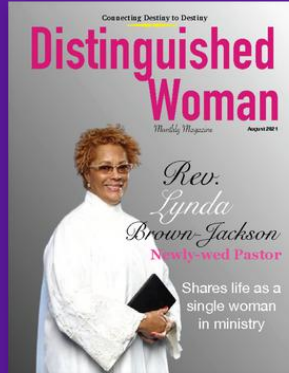
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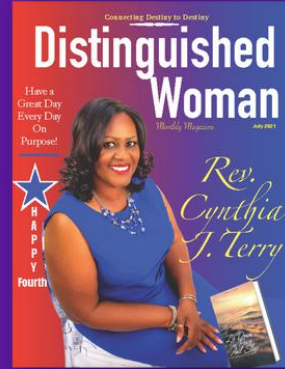
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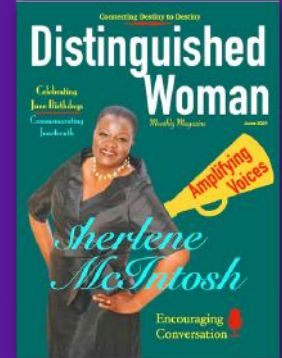
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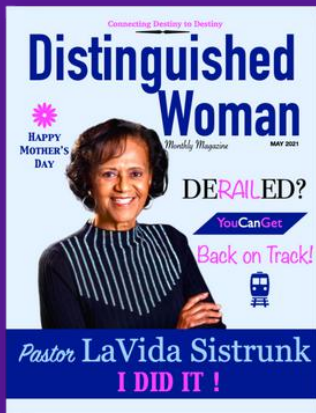
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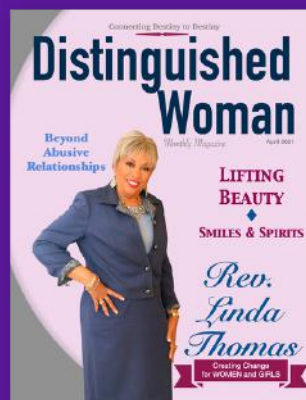
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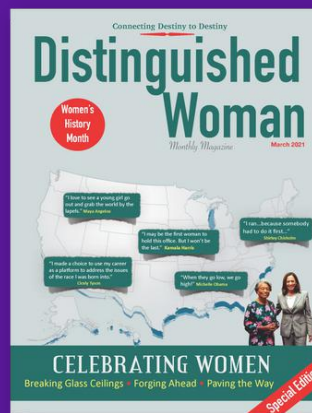
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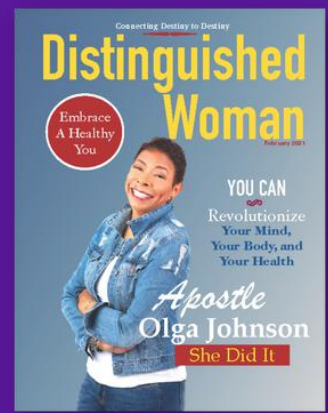
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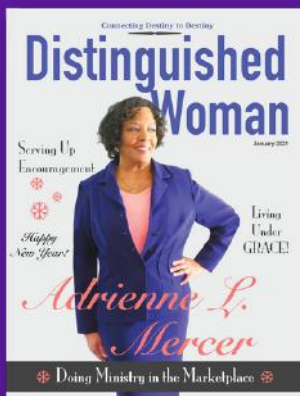
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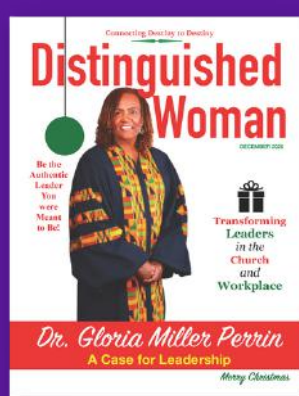
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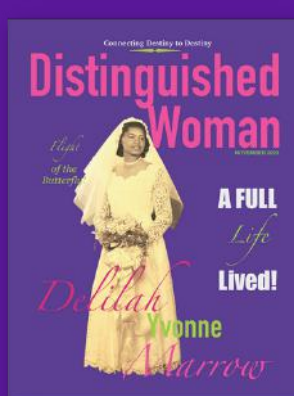
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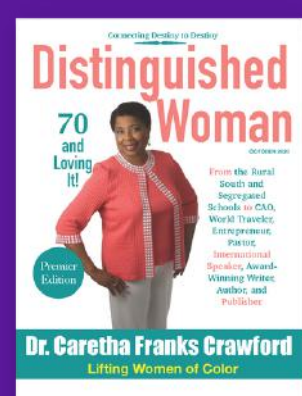
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