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# T. A. Ford

T.A. Ford was born in the beautiful city of Miami, Florida and began writing at the early age of eight. The older of two children with a schoolteacher for a mother, she was taught by a firm yet loving hand the power of words, and the countless adventures that could be found between the pages of a book. While other children her age shared an interest in music, sports, or even Girl Scouts, Ms. Ford's interests never varied. Many times when her mother was asked where she was, she'd simply say, "At home, somewhere with a pen or book in her hand."

By the age of 13, she had a private collection of drawings and short stories based on heroines she could identify with, but who lived in imaginative worlds far removed from her suburban upbringing. She'd share them with anyone who cared to read. When she left home to venture to college she continued to write privately never fully realizing her talent.

In college, she pledged the sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc, and in 1994 she won the South East Atlantic prestigious award Leadership Fellow, for a short essay she wrote on 'Sisterhood'. It was then that Ms. Ford understood the power of her pen. Her professional goals were forever shaped by the new found confidence in her skills, and would take her down many roads. Choosing to use her writing skills would be used in more technical ways, in her heart she had greater stories to be told.

But what to write, and when, would be a question plagued her for many years. That is until her technical savvy and countless hours in front of a computer screen introduced her into the world of online blogging.

An avid reader of romantic fiction and lover of television soap operas, Ms. Ford began blogging in 2005, under the persona 'The Diva'. Inspired by the inadequate portrayal of women of color in daytime TV, she created an online community known as Divas 'n Luv, where new and published authors shared their stories. Within a year her blogging and popularity grew, and so did the demand for her work.

Forever in search of unique untold stories, her favorite pass-time of 'people watching', provided her a wealth of material to use. Strapped with her laptop and vivid imagination writing spots included: any open park, coffee shop, or book store café. Every thing and one was an opportunity to create. From the unruly child, dragged by the weary mother through the store to the lover's quarrel that ends with the young man in tears, a story could be found anywhere. The dialogue and conflict be it public or blasting from a television screen, is a constant backdrop in her creative writing process.

So Ms. Ford went on to write over 40 Chick Lit stories centered on multi-cultural romance. Now, she enters the world of publishing with the release of her first novel, Zoé. This historical romance captures Ms. Ford's ability to transform an unlikely heroine into every woman's inspiration. Ms. Ford is currently working on two projects: a contemporary romance and a murder mystery, both to be released in 2008. Plans are currently underway to transform her most popular online

work, an eight-segment series about the unlikely romance between an African American fashion designer and an Irish-Italian Mafia kingpin, into print in 2009.

T.A. Ford holds a Bachelor's in Journalism and a Master's in Computer Science. Currently she lives in southern Georgia and is the proud aunt of three.

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