



Evie Rhodes is an author, award-winning musician, songwriter and scriptwriter. Her work on the album, “STANDING IN DA SPIRIT” earned a Canadian Music Award for Best Gospel Album. Evie’s gift of storytelling is featured in several books including: *Out “A” Order*, *Street Vengeance* and the critically acclaimed, *The Forgotten Spirit*. The talented Ms. Rhodes recently offered OG Perspective readers some insight into her career, her inspirations and her love for the community.

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## An OG Perspective Spotlight

# Evie Rhodes

*What experience(s) led you to where you are today?*

So many experiences have led me to where I am today. I have collaborated with so many organizations...I have always been community-focused. I have always tried to stay connected to the community.

*What is the most challenging aspect of being a black female artist?*

The key to my life has been finding a balance. I stay grounded spiritually so I welcome any and all challenges as they appear. The gospel is my foundation...my focal point. That is my focus and my discipline. I am always comfortable in my own skin. Sometimes the biggest challenge for people is having the tenacity to do what you love.

*What inspires your work?*

A need to reach out and touch people. I enjoy dealing with issues in the community. I have a pas-

sion for what I do...wanting to share. I want to reach out and touch people where they are.

*There is an unmistakable darkness to some of your novels, where does that come from?*

There are two sides to the mirror. To understand the light we must understand the darkness. When we understand the darkness, we appreciate the light. It is hard to present one side without the other. Darkness often represents the struggle in the journey.

*What is your favorite piece of work that you’ve done?*

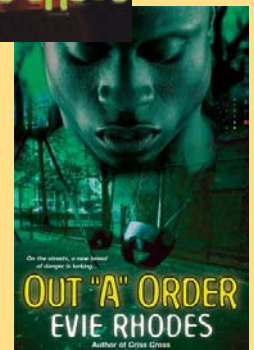
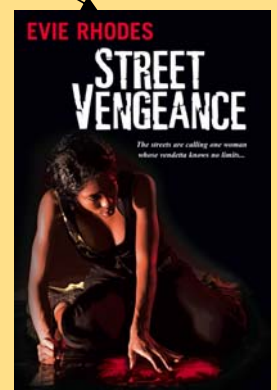
They are all my children...I love them all. I just enjoy the art of creation...the creation of images.

*What advice can you offer to young black writers/artists?*

Stay true to your own voice. Always remain thoughtful and mindful of your readers/audience. Be cognizant of the power of words. It

is incumbent on the artist to be responsible with such power.

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