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BALTIMORE NOVELIST RELEASES SECOND NOVEL WITH GENESIS PRESS

Baltimore-based novelist Bernice Layton has released her second novel, *Crossing the Line*, via Genesis Press, Inc. – Indigo Love Spectrum.

Crossing the Line explores the tense relationship between Raina Wade, a witness to a triple murder and Nick Laprelli, a hardened, Italian, Police Detective. While being at the wrong place at the wrong time, Raina's life takes an unexpected turn that will lead her on a course of attraction, self-discovery and survival.

When Nick encounters Raina a case of mistaken identity gets their relationship off to a bad start; A start that will take them cross-country from Pittsburgh to Seattle, where she is to be delivered to her Dad, Nick's former Commander and mentor. But two days spent cloistered in Nick's farmhouse and a detour in Sin City pushes the boundaries and brings out undeniable feelings that have developed between them both during their journey.

With a serial killer in pursuit, hot on the trail of the only witness who can identify him, Raina and Nick must stay focused and a few steps ahead if they plan on making it to Seattle *alive*. Nick's mission is clear: to get the beautiful and feisty Raina there safely, even if he has to downplay his desires. It's been his job for 11 years to protect the innocent, but somewhere between sultry glances and an almost kiss, their relationship is becoming more than innocent.

Raina's growing feelings for Nick presents an obstacle and distraction, *besides*, she doesn't date White guys. She never has and never will..... Or would she?

Crossing the Line is a fast-paced, multicultural, romantic suspense novel. It is filled with twists and turns for an unlikely pair, akin to oil and water. Readers will be hard-pressed to put this novel down once they start reading...the action starts on page one and doesn't let up until the ending. Readers will want to follow Raina Wade and Nick Laprelli as they battle against their own feelings of desire, even as they outrun and outwit a killer on their trail.

Crossing the Line was released in April 2010 by Genesis Press, the nation's oldest privately owned African-American publishing house. Genesis's imprints include Indigo, the finest in African-American romance, and Indigo Love Spectrum, which focuses on interracial romance. Visit us on the web at www.genesis-press.com or www.recapturetheromance.com, or call us at 1-888-INDIGO-1.

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