

This book is a work of fiction
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Set mostly in 19th century America, *Forenever Equal* showcases many of the factual events of that era, much of which were bred by the institutional racism that plagued the country during that time, including late slavery, late slavery being in the vicinity of the 1800's to when it was abolished in America in 1865. The story also surpasses 1865 and continues up into the 1900's. It takes its first breath in a jail cell in the year 1991, where a young, Black man, Bryant, a prisoner at Honesburg county prison in Philadelphia, PA, is visited by the spirit of a middle age African man, George, asking the 24 year old to write one particular story that the history books make no mention to. The story the apparition, George, wants to be written involves the eventful and oftentimes disheartening life history that was George's own, including when he was abducted from the Motherland at the age of only five and thrown into American slavery where he met and fell in love with the girl whom would later become his wife. As well, the book chronicles various other romances and how those romances were affected by the blind hatred of racism, racism such as that which took George's family and forced him into a bloody battle with the American KKK. A true page-turner, *Forenever Equal* is simply written, fresh, fast-paced, reality-based, with characters easily identifiable and enjoyable. It is powerful, gripping, thought provoking, emotionally charged and unforgettable, definitely a book which no Black household and no White household should be without.