

An Interview With Mae...

What was your inspiration for *Titanic: The Untold Story*?

Tom Joyner's *Little Known Black History Facts*. I'd been a Titanic enthusiast for years and always knew in my gut that there had to be at least one person of color on the ship. When his show confirmed that fact, I knew I had to write the book.

What do you do when you get writer's block?

I used to get writer's block a lot, but I rarely do anymore. What has worked for me is learning how to organize my writing before I actually sit down to write. This has all but eliminated this problem for me.

What are your favorite authors?

I love Eileen Gouge and Danielle Steele, but the late Sidney Sheldon is my all time favorite.

Do you read magazines or newspapers?

Occasionally I'll read the local papers or my husband's *Investor's Business Daily*. I subscribe to several magazines but I rarely have time to read them. I enjoy browsing through *Cosmopolitan* and *O* magazine when I'm at the hair or nail salon.

Who are your favorite musicians, dead or alive?

The Righteous Brothers, Luther Vandross, Frank Sinatra, Rascal Flats, Mary J. Blidge, Denise graves, YoYo Ma, and Marvin Gaye. As you can see I have a very eclectic taste in music.

What is your favorite T.V. show?

Sorry to be boring, but I don't have one. I hate reality shows and don't watch much TV at all. When I do it's usually CNN, the History Channel, or Joel Osteen.

If you were stranded on a desert island and could have only one book, what would it be?

The Bible. I would love to have the time to read every page of it, at my own pace.

What would you like to be remembered for?

My generosity, and ability to tell a good story?