



*Dr. Rhonda*



Dr. Rhonda M. Lawson is the founder of Meet the World Image Solutions, LLC, a boutique public relations firm based in New Orleans, LA, and the award-winning author of *Cheatin' in the Next Room*, *A Dead Rose*, *Putting It Back Together*, *Some Wounds Never Heal*, *Twylite*, and *Trust*, and contributed to eleven different anthologies, including *Second Chances*, *Crimes of Passion*, *Gumbo for the Soul*, *The Heart of Our Community*, *Surfacing*, *Heart of a Military Woman*, *The Color of Strength: Embracing the Strength and Passion of Our Culture* and *Keeping it Finer: What it Means to be a Finer Woman in the 21st Century*. She is also the co-host of *Black Authors Matter TV* and host of *Horizons With Meet the World Image Solutions*, both of which highlight and promote authors, entertainers, and entrepreneurs.

Rhonda is a 23-year Army veteran, having served during Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn. Rhonda's career as a Soldier-journalist has also taken her to various parts of the world, including Japan, Hawaii, Korea, Afghanistan, and Egypt. Her work has appeared stateside in various Army and civilian publications, including *Soldiers Magazine*, *The Seattle Times*, and *The Army Times*. Throughout her career, she edited various military publications, earning many awards, including the 1997 Training and Doctrine Command Journalist of the Year. She also taught journalism for two years at the Defense Information School, and served as an adjunct professor for the University of Maryland University College-Europe. She is currently the National Director of Publications for Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and the Literary Correspondent for the National Black Book Festival, which takes place in Houston each October. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Maryland University College, a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma, and a Doctorate in Business Administration with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership from Northcentral University. Dr. Rhonda values education and literacy, leading her to found the Black History Month Literary Weekend in February 2017 to celebrate Black History while promoting literacy. Additionally, she launched the Meet the World Image Solutions Eighth and Ninth Grade Essay Contest in February 2018, and the Meet the World Image Solutions Graduating Senior Scholarship Fund in April 2020. Rhonda also added playwright to her repertoire in 2018, when she adapted *Cheatin' in the Next Room*, and later *Twylite*, into stage plays. She plans to bring more of her stories to stage, while still promoting the many authors who have trusted her with their publicity and literary needs.

