

NEXT CHAPTER

Spotlight EBONE



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Chardai: Hey, Ebone! I am so excited to talk to you because you know I always look forward to when your content comes up on my timeline!

Ebone: Char, I am so excited!

Chardai: So let's get into it. What is your earliest memory of falling in love with reading?

Ebone: I remember picking up Junie B. Jones, and from there your girl was hooked! I have vivid memories of reading Junie B. Jones and Judy Moody on my own. My little cousin would say, "Come play Barbies," and I'd be like, "No, I'm reading."

Chardai: Yes, Ms. Junie B. Jones, a core part of so many reading journeys. Now fast forward. I'm always curious about the *why* behind content creation because you're so consistent and truly in a lane of your own. What inspired you to start creating?

Ebone: It's honestly to express my love of books in my own unique way. I've always been a reader. I was never one of those people who took a break and had to rediscover reading because I never lost it. I was also a theater kid, so I wanted to find a way to merge both passions and interpret books and music creatively. I wanted to showcase these books but make it fun. That's my why—to find creative ways to create.



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Chardai: I have to say, your creativity is on another level. How do you stay so consistent? Are you more spur-of-the-moment, or are you planning content with pen and paper? And even bringing your husband into the videos—I feel like he’s become a new character in your storytelling! How are you feeding us without burning yourself out?

Ebone: I have a folder on TikTok with hundreds of sounds, and I never know what I’m going to do with them. Sometimes I’m just like, “Mmm, that could be used for something,” and then eventually I’ll read a book and think, “Oh, I have a sound for that.” What also keeps me consistent is my genuine love for what I’m doing. If you don’t like what you’re doing, it’s hard to stay consistent. I give myself a lot of grace because if you put too much pressure on yourself, you can either bust a pipe or build a diamond.

Chardai: Girl, yes! I’m taking that quote because, especially as Black women, we can be so hard on ourselves sometimes. Another one of your staples, walk me through the *Call Center Chronicles*. I look forward to those every time!

Ebone: I knew I wanted to do more talking videos. I used to work at a call center, and I thought it would be so funny to have someone call in and describe a book instead of me just telling people what it’s about.

Chardai: I remember when you started inviting authors to join in! Tell us a little about how that came about.

Ebone: I started seeing author interviews, but I wanted to make them fun because, with content creation, we want it to be fun, but we also want it to be marketable. I reached out to one author and asked if she’d be down to do it. Then I made a thread asking authors if they’d be interested, and the response was incredible. I was like, “Wow, y’all really want to do this.”



Chardai: I loved watching your reaction to all the authors who responded! What’s one author interaction that has really stuck with you?

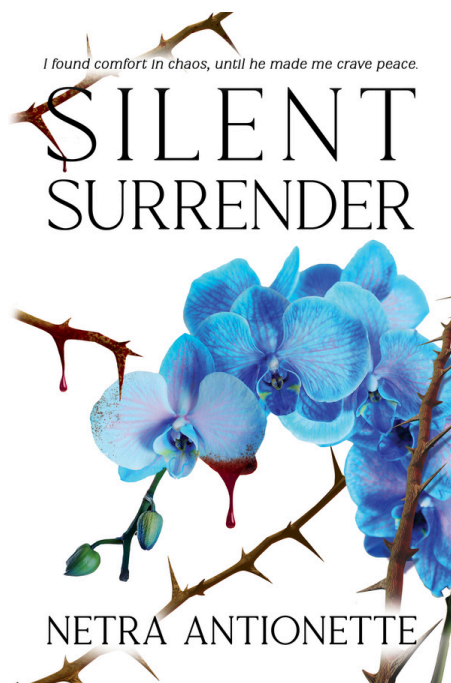
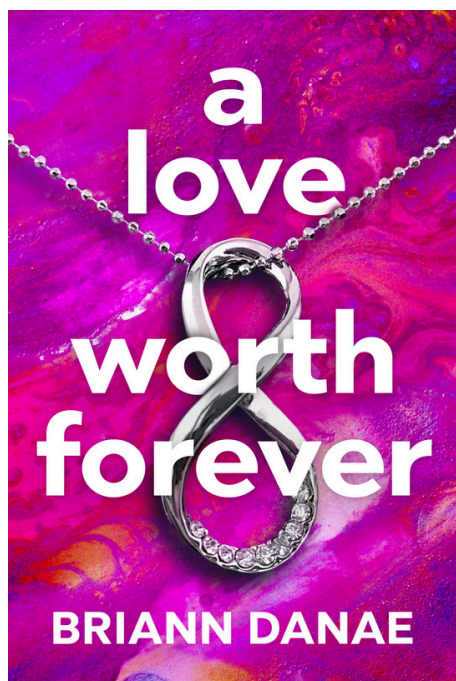
Ebone: I’m a really big alien monster girl. At BRBF, they had Nikki Clarke there. I love Nikki—I promote her books and read her all the time. I walked up to her table, and her eyes got so big. She came around the table, gave me a hug, and told me, “Thank you. You’re constantly spotlighting me.” To hear someone I admire thank me and tell me I’d made an impact was such a huge highlight.

Chardai: I love that and let me add her to my list! Who is a content creator you want to give your flowers to while they can still smell them?

Ebone: I say her name all the time, but I really want to give my flowers to Castina (@castinareads). She does so much for the community, from reading ARCs to giving really specific recommendations. She deserves a bouquet of flowers that never dies.

Chardai: I love how often you highlight her because I honestly think of y’all the same way when I need recommendations. What’s a book that found you at exactly the right time?

Ebone: *Score* by Kennedy Ryan. I deal heavily with anxiety, so reading about someone navigating mental illness made me feel so seen. Seeing a situation similar to what I was dealing with on the page really meant a lot to me.



Chardai: That's my favorite Kennedy Ryan book too! What's a book, trope, or author that people immediately associate with you?

Ebone: Why choose!

Chardai: Because you just had me downloading a couple the other day. Last question: What's a Black Odyssey Media title that's currently on your TBR?

Ebone: Definitely *Silent Surrender* by Netra Antoinette and *A Love Worth Forever* by BriAnn Danae.

Chardai: Ebone, thank you so much. You are absolutely someone I give flowers to. I love your content and am always cheering you on! Ebone can be followed under the handle [@thelovee.library](#)



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