

The African American Book Club Summit

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Start Spreading the News - The Seventh Annual African American Book Club Summit (AABCS) will take place October 15 –20, 2006 on the fabulous Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas

November 19, 2005 -- New York, New York, it's a wonderful town. It is also the host city for the seventh annual African American Book Club Summit (AABCS.) For the first time ever, the AABCS will depart from the east coast (Bayonne, New Jersey, Cape Liberty Cruise Port), bringing this literary adventure to a new group of book lovers. On Sunday, October 15, 2006, the AABCS will set sail from New York Harbor on the fabulous Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas for the exotic port of Kings Wharf, Bermuda.

The Explorer of the Seas has everything from a rock-climbing wall to an ice-skating rink. Sports and fitness offerings include a full basketball/volleyball court, golf simulator, jogging track, rock-climbing wall, in-line skating track, nine-hole miniature golf course, and a top-of-the-line fitness center and spa. Staterooms offer enhanced decor that strikes a nice balance of comfort and elegance. Bright colors and innovative touches create a welcoming atmosphere. Most staterooms offer a view of either the ocean or the action along the ship's own Royal Promenade.

This literary oasis recently returned from their 6th Annual Event (October 2005), which departed from Long Beach, California for ports along the Mexican Riviera. Featured authors on this voyage included Eric Jerome Dickey, Bernice McFadden, Travis Hunter; Mary Monroe; Nina Foxx; Victoria Christopher-Murray and ReShonda Tate-Billingsley.

New Yorker Stefanie Preston took first place honors in the annual Short Story Contest. The contest was open to all registered participants of the Cruise (with the exception of the featured authors). The winners were announced during the cruise.

Founded in 2000, the AABCS has received national recognition as being one of the country's most unique literary events. It has been featured in Essence Magazine; Ebony Magazine; Black Issues Book Review; Book Magazine and Upscale Magazine. It is an excellent opportunity for book clubs and avid readers to gather, discuss books, exchange ideas, develop strategies, and meet some of the country's finest authors.

Readers get the opportunity to meet and greet their favorite authors as well as meet new up and coming authors during workshops, panel discussions and private parties. Aspiring writers will also have an opportunity to discuss and obtain information on self-publishing, marketing and writing fiction.

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This venture is a part of a national effort to promote literacy, reading for pleasure and writing as a career. PageTurner.net, a literary services company, is the event coordinator.

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