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Short Bio

Shelia M. Goss is the Essence Magazine and Black Expressions Book Club Best-Selling author of *My Invisible Husband*, *Roses are thorns*, *Paige's Web*, *Double Platinum*, *His Invisible Wife* (July 2009), *Hollywood Deception* (2010) and the new teen series *The Lip Gloss Chronicles* {*The Ultimate Test* (June 2009) and *Splitsville* (October 2009)}. Besides writing fiction, she is a freelance writer. She's also the recipient of three Shades of Romance Magazine Readers Choice Multi-Cultural Awards and honored as a Literary Diva: The Top 100 Most Admired African American Women in Literature. Her website is www.sheliagoss.com or www.thelipglosschronicles.com.



Long Bio

Shelia M. Goss is an author, freelance writer and screenwriter. She completed her Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA in 1990. Although Shelia has a technical background, her first love has always been creative writing.

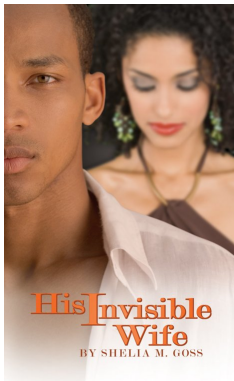
Shelia is the author of the *Essence Magazine* and *Black Expressions Bestseller My Invisible Husband, Roses are thorns, Violets are true, Paige's Web, Double Platinum, His Invisible Wife* (July 2009) and *Hollywood Deception* (coming 2010).

Shelia also writes young adult fiction. *The Ultimate Test* is the first book in the **Lip Gloss Chronicles** series and was released in June 2009. *Splitsville*, the second installment of the Lip Gloss Chronicles series, is scheduled to be released in October 2009. (www.thelipglosschronicles.com).

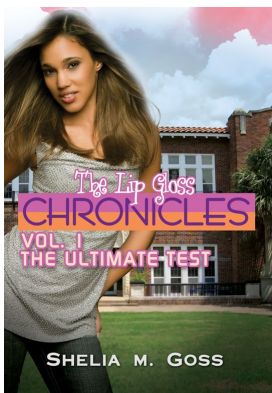
A Shreveport, LA native, Shelia has always dreamed of being a writer. She didn't pursue that dream however until she was downsized from a Fortune 500 company back in 2001. In between looking for a new job and trying to survive, Shelia wrote several novels. She invested some of her severance package into her writing career and from 2003 until now, she has received numerous

accolades.

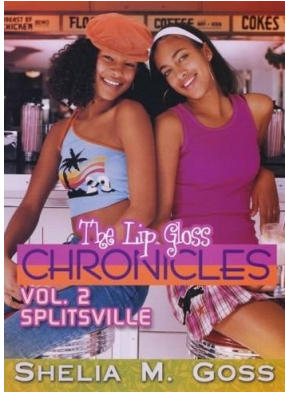
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- § **Disilgoldsoul 2007 YOUunity Guild Award** - Most Outstanding Book Debut Promotions- "Paige's Web"
- § **Infini's** Outstanding Author 2006
- § **Literary Divas**: The Top 100+ Most Admired African-American Women in Literature
- § **ESSENCE MAGAZINE Bestsellers List**
- § **#1 Black Expressions.com Bestseller**
- § Honorable mention in a **New York Times** article & **Writer's Digest** article
- § 2004 OneSwan Productions **Female Author of the Year**
- § Three **Shades of Romance Magazine Reader's Choice Awards**
- § **Dallas Morning News Bestseller**



His Invisible Wife (July 2009) is Shelia's fifth novel released under the Kensington Books women's fiction imprint **Urban Soul**.



The Ultimate Test (The Lip Gloss Chronicles Vol. 1) is Shelia's first young adult novel released under the Kensington Books imprint Urban Renaissance (June 2009).



Splitsville (The Lip Gloss Chronicles Vol. 2) is Shelia's second young adult novel released under the Kensington Books imprint Urban Renaissance (October 2009).

Her articles and short stories have appeared in online and print publications. Shelia's interviews are also posted on various online sites and get **over a million** hits per month. She created the e-Spot Entertainment News Blog (<http://www.espot.wordpress.com>) to highlight interviews and other articles. Shelia's interview portfolio includes interviews with Vivica Fox, Lisa Marie Presley, Michael Bolton, Star Jones, Mary J. Blige, Brian McKnight, India Arie, Bow Wow, etc.

REVIEWS

"Double Platinum moves at break neck speed and is a thoroughly enjoyable read. If you're looking for a novel that successfully combines glamour, suspense and intrigue with a highly charged love affair then this is the novel for you." ~ **Janice Spence, Freelance Music Journalist (Gossip/News columnist -Str8hiphop.com and former [BET.com](http://www.bet.com) contributor and Don Diva UK , etc.)**

"Paige's Web had me laughing from the first chapter. Poor Paige tries so hard but botches everything in a way that makes you chuckle. The characters are so real they could actually be people you know." ~ **Wendy Hines, Armchair Interviews. . .Connecting Authors to Their Readers**

"The refreshing new voice explored in Roses are Thorns, Violets are True will definitely entertain you." ~ **Cheryl Cooper**

"My Invisible Husband flows quickly from one scene to the next, entertaining the reader with comic relief and 'no she didn't' thoughts." ~ **M. Bruner for Loose Leaves Book Review**

"I recommend The Ultimate Test to all readers. Teens will be able to relate and appreciate and older readers will reflect and remember." ~ **Angelia Menchan APOOO BookClub**

TWENTY QUESTIONS WITH SHELIA M. GOSS

Do you have a favorite author of all time or someone who inspired you to achieve your goals as a writer?

Shelia: I have too many "favorite" authors to list; however, I will say that meeting Maya Angelou when I was a freshman in high school is what set it all in motion. Her passion for words inspired me to write.

When a writer receives the acknowledgement of a major publisher, people sometimes have a tendency to think they found their success overnight. Care to share a little of your journey with us?

Shelia: It definitely wasn't an overnight thing for me. I've been writing since I was nine but didn't decide to pursue it professionally until 1997. I published a few collections of poetry and, in 2003, self-published my first novel. My journey has been rough, at times, but no complaints because God saw me through them and actually opened up doors on my behalf. The experiences I've gained prior to being signed with a major publisher have been invaluable.

What satisfies you about writing?

Shelia: I'm in control of what happens. I can live vicariously through my characters.

How would you describe the genre in which you do most of your writing?

Shelia: I've been told that my stories are romance, chick-lit, romantic comedy and inspirational, so I usually categorize my books as women's fiction. I also write young adult books.

What marketing tips can you provide to new authors?

Shelia: Don't be afraid to think out of the box. Find something unique about your book and capitalize on it. Invest in taking a marketing class such as Guerilla marketing or you can do a google search and find articles on proven marketing methods.

When do you write and for how long?

Shelia: I'm a morning person, so I will get up early and I will write for at least 6 hours a day when I'm working on a novel.

What is your favorite sort of character?

Shelia: One that is flawed. No one's perfect in real life, so the characters in my books aren't either. They have issues just like a friend, a co-worker or a stranger on the street would have.

What are some of your writing goals?

Shelia: I hope to continue to put out "stories with a twist." I want at least one novel published per year if not two. I would like to contribute to more anthologies. I also want my novels adapted to film as well as have a few produced screenplays under my belt.

Could you tell us a little about yourself?

Shelia: I'll try to tell you something that you can't find in my bio. Besides books, music is one of my favorite passions. Prince is one of my all time favorite artists. Paradise Island, Bahamas is my favorite vacation spot. Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA is my alma mater. Sprite is my drink of choice. Why Did I Get Married is my favorite Tyler Perry movie. I enjoy blogging and playing spades and dominoes.

What time do you awake normally every morning?

Shelia: If I go to bed early, it's 6:00 a.m. If I go to bed after midnight, I usually get up around 7:30 a.m.

What is your writing fuel in the morning?

Shelia: A shower and a cold glass of orange juice.

What are your favorite foods to snack on while writing?

Shelia: Fruit...especially grapes or strawberries.

Do you watch television or listen to the radio when you're writing, and if so, what do you watch or listen too mostly?

Shelia: It depends. Sometimes I like it to be completely quiet. Other times, I'll have one of my favorite CDs playing in the background. I'm also known to have "The View" or "The Young and the Restless" playing in the background.

What is your favorite book of all time?

Shelia: Without a doubt, the Bible.

How do you find time to connect with God?

Shelia: It is a daily walk and I find that I just have to make time. I make time for everything else and He's been so good to me, that I communicate with Him throughout the day...whether I'm at my desk, in the car or at home.

What is your pet peeve?

Shelia: People who lie to me for no reason. I can handle the truth.

If you could inspire a child, what would you say?

Shelia: You can be whatever you desire to be.

What is your favorite motto?

Shelia: Life has two rules: number 1, Never quit!; number 2, Always remember rule number 1
~Duke Ellington

Where is your dream vacation?

Shelia: I would love to go back to either Paradise Island, Bahamas or the Cayman Islands.

If you could leave one word of advice to people in general, what would it be?

Shelia: Shower love on the people that you care about so once they're gone, you will have few regrets.

Contact Information

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Shelia M. Goss' books are available in stores or from any of the online retailers or order direct from www.kensingtonbooks.com.

Women's Fiction Books

- [His Invisible Wife](#) (ISBN: 159983085X) - July 2009 (Urban Soul, a women's fiction imprint of Kensington Books)
- [Double Platinum](#) (ISBN: 1599830574) - March 2008 (Urban Soul, a women's fiction imprint of Kensington Books)
- [Paige's Web](#) (ISBN: 1599830299) - October 2007 (Urban Soul, a women's fiction imprint of Kensington Books)
- [Roses are Thorns, Violets are True](#) (ISBN: 1599830108) - February 2007 (Urban Soul, a women's fiction imprint of Kensington Books)
- [My Invisible Husband](#) (ISBN: 1599830078) - December 2006 (Urban Soul, a women's fiction imprint of Kensington Books)
- Hollywood Deception (Coming 2010)

Young Adult Books

- [The Ultimate Test: The Lip Gloss Chronicles Vol. 1](#) (ISBN: 1601621868) - June 2009 (Urban Renaissance, an imprint of Kensington Books/Urban Books)
- [Splitsville: The Lip Gloss Chronicles Vol. 2](#) (ISBN: 1601621884) – October 2009 (Urban Renaissance, an imprint of Kensington Books/Urban Books)
- Paper Thin: The Lip Gloss Chronicles Vol. 3 (Coming 2010)