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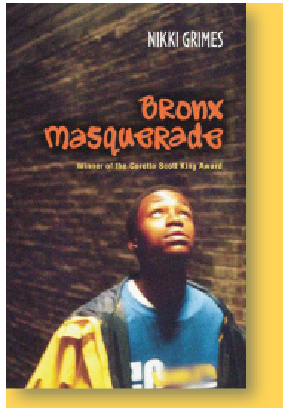
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2008 On the Same Page Community Reading Program Youth Selection a Popular Choice Among Teens



Based on the recommendations of the 11 teen readers who served on the On the Same Page teen title selection panel, this year's pick for young readers is *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes. Named a Coretta Scott King Award Winner in 2003, Ms. Grimes' novel portrays a high school English class as they discover ways to express themselves to each other through poetry. As part of On the Same Page, the author will be visiting with students at area schools in late March. Plus, a special visit that will be free and open to the public has been arranged at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (see below for date and time).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

A native of New York City, Nikki Grimes is not only a writer and a poet, she is also a performing artist, fiber artist, and jewelry maker. She lives in Corona, California. Ms. Grimes has written two other books for teens (*Jazmin's Notebook* and *Dark Sons*) and many books for kids (*When Gorilla Goes Walking*, *Talkin' about Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman*, *Is it Far to Zanzibar?: Poems about Tanzania*, etc.). In 2007, *The Road to Paris* was selected as a **Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book**. You can learn more about her work and life on her [website](#).



MEET AUTHOR NIKKI GRIMES:

Meet author Nikki Grimes in person on Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Joseph-Beth Booksellers (2692 Madison Road in Rookwood Pavilion). Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

VIEW CET'S UPCOMING VIDEO OF NIKKI GRIMES:

A video featuring a Q&A with the author (questions posed by On the Same Page participants) will be aired in early April. Prior to this video, another Q&A led by Jennifer Weikert (who is a teen librarian at the Westwood Branch Library) and four area teens (who were part of the selection team) will air in mid to late February. Watch for both upcoming videos at www.cetconnect.org/partners/plchc.

TUNE INTO 91.7 WVXU'S UPCOMING INTERVIEW WITH NIKKI GRIMES:

As part of On the Same Page, a special interview with author Nikki Grimes will be conducted by 91.7 WVXU's Katie Orr. Watch for more details on this upcoming interview at www.wvxu.org.

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ON THE SAME PAGE EVENTS RELATED TO YOUTH BOOK:

Thursday, February 28 - 4:30 p.m.
Forest Park Branch (655 Waycross Rd.)
(513)-369-4478
A Poetry Slam with Benjamin Hughes

Saturday, March 1 - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Walnut Hills Branch (2533 Kemper Ln.)
(513) 369-6053
Discuss *Bronx Masquerade*, and create art for display in the library! Snacks provided!

Saturday, March 8
1:30 p.m. Book discussion
2:00 p.m. Spoken Word: “Open Mike”
poetry with Benjamin Hughes
Avondale Branch (3566 Reading Rd.)
(513) 369-4440

Tuesday, March 11 - 6:30 p.m.
Walnut Hills Branch (2533 Kemper Ln.)
(513) 369-6053
A Poetry Slam with Benjamin Hughes

Thursday, March 13 - 6:00 p.m.
Mt. Healthy Branch (7608 Hamilton Ave.)
(513)-369-4469
Teen Book Club

Wednesday, March 19 – 2:30 p.m.
College Hill Branch (1400 W. North Bend Rd.)
(513) 369-6036
Bronx Drama – a reading from the book

Wednesday, March 19 - 3:30 p.m.
Elmwood Branch (6120 Vine St.)
(513)-369-4452
Poetry Slam: Teens can perform their own poetry, like the students in *Bronx Masquerade*, or perform someone else’s poems. Prizes will be given for the best performances.

Thursday, March 20 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Miami Township Branch (8 N. Miami Ave.)
(513)-369-6050
Magnetic Poetry—make your own!
Advance registration required

Saturday, March 22 - 4:30 p.m.
Bond Hill Branch (1740 Langdon Farm Rd.)
(513) 369-4445
Discuss *Bronx Masquerade*, and create art for display in the library!

Monday, March 24 - 5:00 p.m.
West End Branch (805 Ezzard Charles Dr.)
(513)-369-6026
Song lyrics writing contest!

Tuesday, March 25 - 4:00 p.m.
Westwood Branch (3345 Epworth Ave.)
(513)-369-4474
Book discussion and “Magnetic Musings”
—Make your own magnetic poetry!

Thursday, March 27 - 4:30 p.m.
Greenhills Branch Library (7 Endicott St.)
(513)-369-4441
Teen Book Club

Saturday, March 29 - 2:00 p.m.
Covedale Branch (4980 Glenway Ave.)
(513)-369-4460
Poetry Slam!

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