

NATIONAL BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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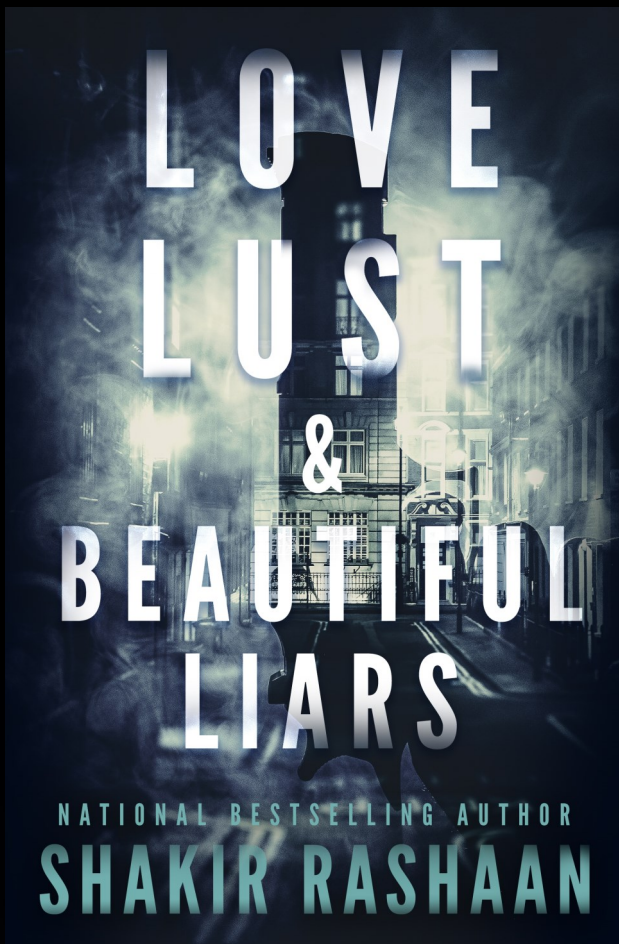
Shakir Rashaan currently lives in Fairburn, Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta, with his wife and two children. His latest novels are titled, *Love, Lust & Beautiful Liars*, *The Devil's All American*, *Unthinkable* and *In Service to the Senator*. Rashaan's body of work include two book series, the Nubian Underworld, which includes *The Awakening: Book One*, *Legacy: Book Two*, *Tempest: Book Three* and *Samois: Book Four*, the *Kink, P.I. series*, which includes *Obsession*, *Deception*, and *Reckoning*. New projects are being developed, including *South Hampton*, *Keepers of the Kutokufa Scrolls* (currently being developed for Entangled Publishing/Macmillan), and *Better to Beg Forgiveness*.

Other credits include the anthologies *Making the Hookup: Edgy Sex with Soul*, *Zane Presents Z-Rated: Chocolate Flava 3*, and *Cougar Cocktales*. The classes that have been taught are on the Erotic Art of Storytelling, World-Building, Writing Compelling Dialog, and How to Write Sex Scenes at different conferences in Atlanta and in the Southeast. I have also done BDSM lifestyle classes on relationship dynamics, particularly specific to Polyamorous lifestyle relationships, and I have also taught a class on the Power of Etiquette in the BDSM community.

I also have one active blog: my personal blog at <http://www.ShakirRashaan.com/blog>, and a professional blog at the now defunct USA Today Happy Ever After literary blog, where I wrote on television shows, movies, and book reviews. Find out more about Rashaan at <http://www.shakirrashaan.com>.

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*Love, Lust & Beautiful Liars* is the latest explosive tale from national best-selling author, Shakir Rashaan, where the lines between lust and love blur, and where no one is who they seem.



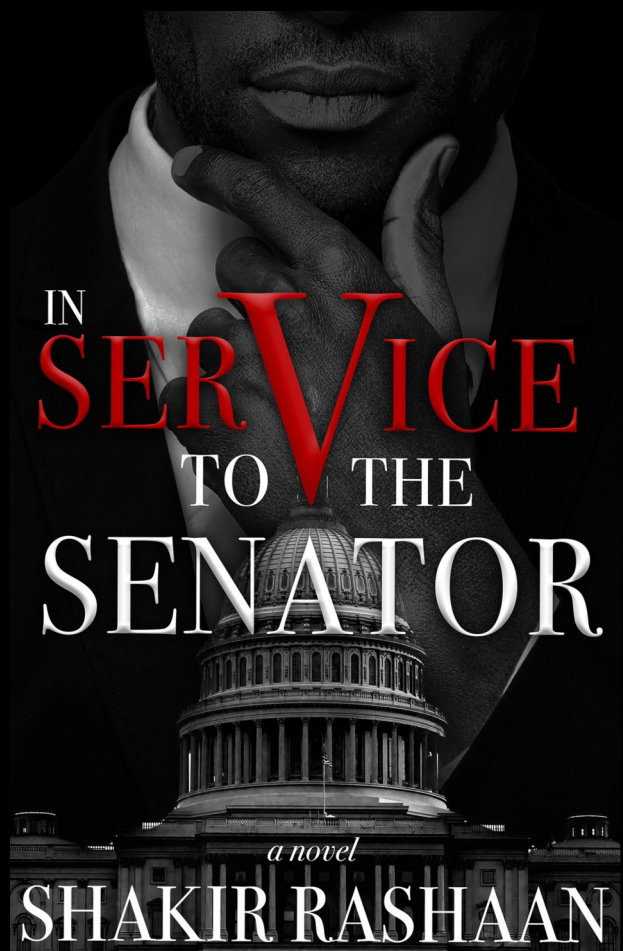
Dorian Bentley is the top international arms dealer in the world. His customers only know him by his moniker—The Wraith—a revenant whose trail is difficult to trace by government law enforcement authorities.

He has begun to cultivate his endgame, one that will have him turn over his expansive empire to one of his lieutenants and retire an ultra-rich man. He needs time—time he may no longer have—before everything comes crashing down.

Samara D'Acosta, the woman he'd given his heart to long ago despite keeping her at arm's length for her own protection, is a part of those plans, but will her own secrets derail their happy ever after?

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*In Service to the Senator* is the latest explosive tale from bestselling author Shakir Rashaan, where sometimes, politics make the strangest of bedfellows--and enemies.



Terrell Warren is a rising star within the Democratic Party. Buoyed by his exploits in Desert Storm, the two-term senator is poised to enter rarified air as an African-American politician, possessing the charisma, the political pedigree, his Obama-esque looks--and picture-perfect wife by his side--that could have him sitting in the Oval Office as Commander-in-Chief in the not-so-distant future.

Forces in the shadows who are not happy with the senator's ascension have devised the perfect leverage to derail the momentum of the powerful statesman, centered around the abduction of his newlywed bride. It's a race against the clock to find her, while dealing with the potential consequences should he decide not to comply with her abductors' extraordinary demand--one that threatens to revert American foreign policy to the previous century's "Cold War" history.

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“If we do the unthinkable,  
would it make us look crazy?”



A painful breakup leads Devin Lowery to revert back to his womanizing ways, using his good looks and high-level executive position at RPK Entertainment to his advantage—and no woman is off limits.

Alexia Anthony is focused on her music career as a member of the R&B group, Envyye, wearing off relationships until the group is signed to a record label, despite an ex-boyfriend intent on rekindling their relationship.

A chance meeting threatens to turn both of their worlds upside down, taking them to a place that neither expected to go, all the while trying to figure out what each wants most. Can their careers and love coexist?

Unthinkable takes readers on a journey of love and lust, trust and betrayal, spinning a tale of love unexpected...and the beauty that evolves beyond boundaries.

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# What reviewers have to say about Shakir Rashaan novels . . .

*Politics. Intrigue. Suspense. Drama. Sex. You get all of that and some more in the newest release (In Service to the Senator) from Shakir Rashaan. I've been quite critical of Mr. Rashaan's work in the past, but I can say without a doubt, that this was my favorite book of his to date. There was politics, suspense, drama, and of course his signature style of giving us some insight into the BDSM lifestyle.*

~ Tiffany Tyler, Reading in Black and White

*This novel is really an inspired act of invention in the field of erotica. The author captures both the view of the inner world of BDSM and the viewpoint of those who fear it, or simply don't know what to make of it, on the outside. The writing is competent and consistent, and the plot details scrupulously researched and detailed. Rashaan knows the world he is writing about at all its levels, and he tells a good story in the process. If you miss the hard ass crime fiction for which Americans were once famous, you cannot go wrong with Obsession.*

~ Steven Hart, Erotica Revealed

*The Awakening: Book One of the Nubian Underworld is a thrilling journey into the world of the BDSM (Bondage and Discipline, Sadism and Masochism) lifestyle. It is filled with the politics that come along with that lifestyle, and all the pleasure and chaos that one can endure within it.*

~ Stephen Williams, The Black Book Review

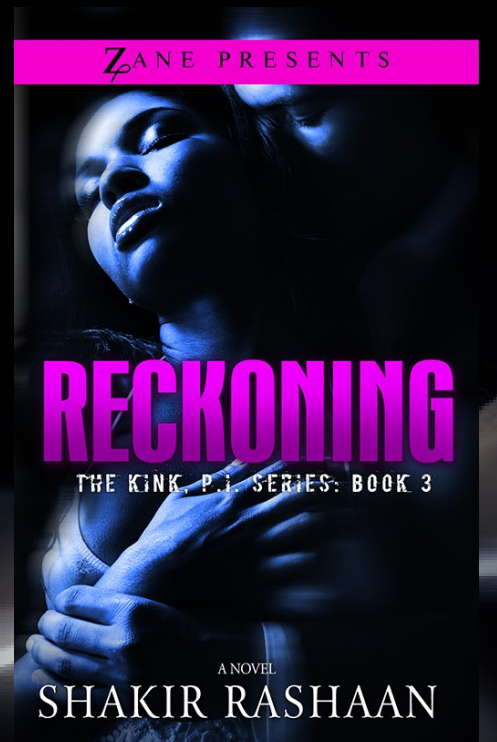
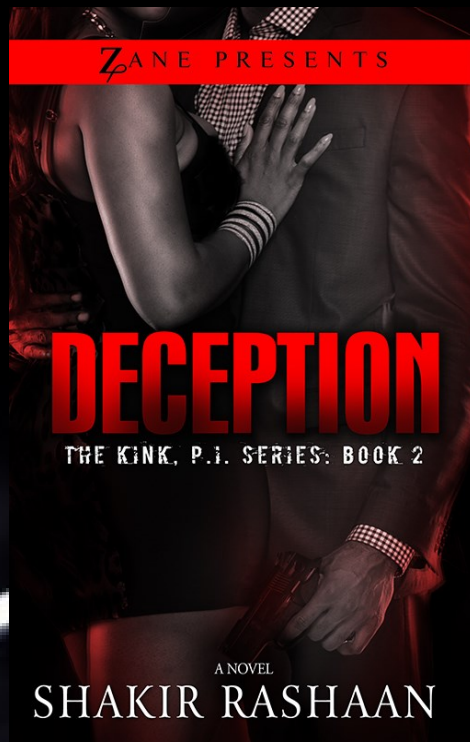
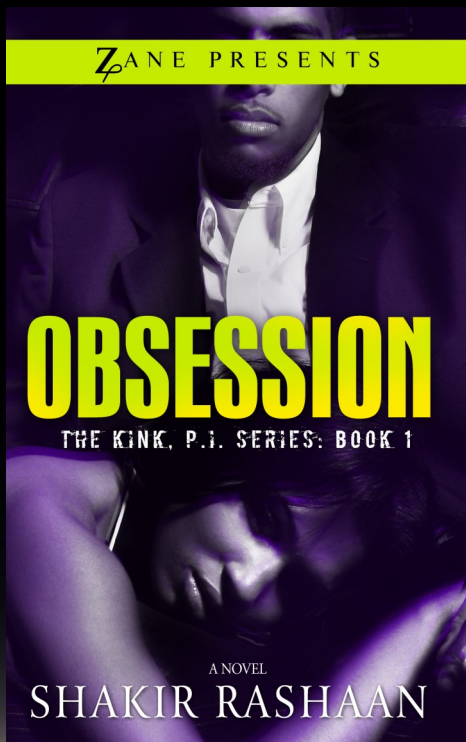
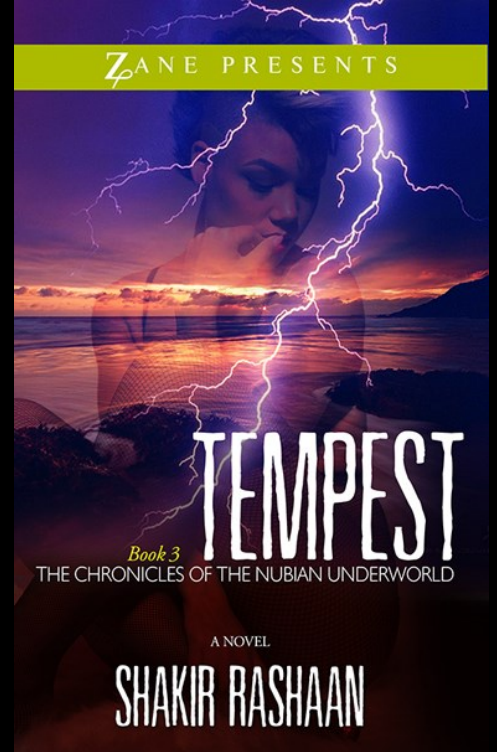
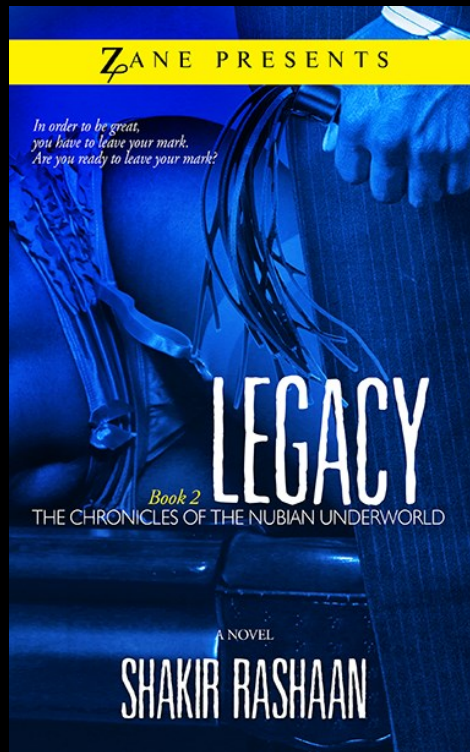
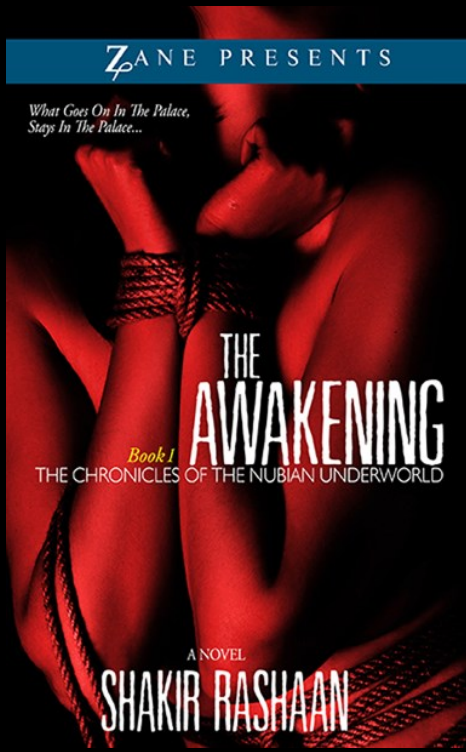
*One thing that I love about this author is that he combines suspense, mystery, drama, and hot erotica in his books, all at the same time. it's like hitting the book lottery.*

~ Kiera J. Northington, Reviewer

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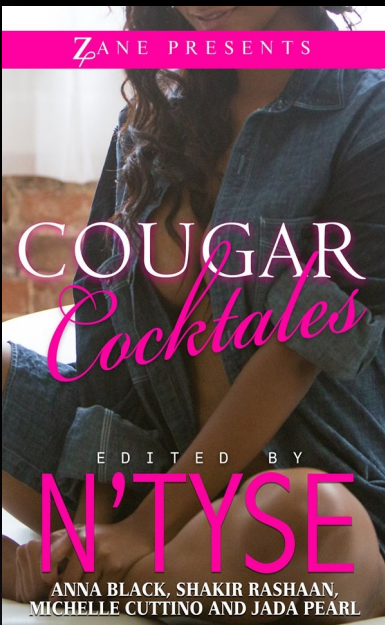
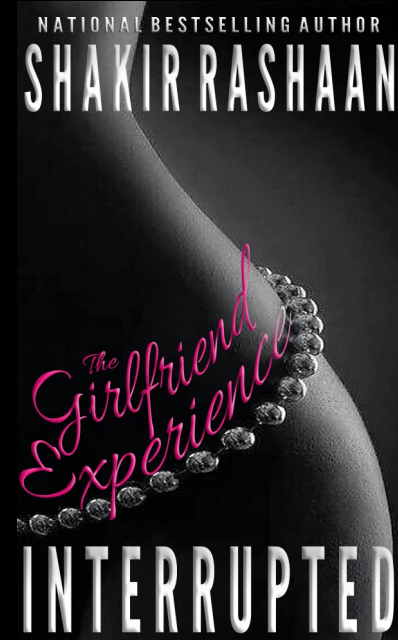
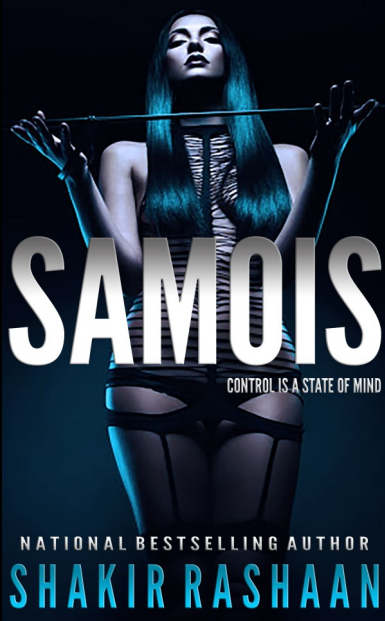
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# INTERVIEW

## TALKING POINTS

- The backlash from both People of Color and non-POC who take issue with a Black male who writes The BDSM and kink themes in catalog, including predominantly Black and POC characters.
- Which elements and themes of the catalog caught the attention of the acquisitions editor of a Simon & Schuster imprint and the progression from independently published to national bestselling author.
- With the uptick in interest of lifestyles that range from Polyamory to Kink, how does a real-time member of the BDSM community, tow the line between being an author, being a Dominant, and being poly, while introducing elements of sensory play and Dominant/submissive relationship nuances that adults are now having to navigate in their relationships.
- Dispelling the myth that polyamorous lifestyles are purely about sex and multiple partners.
- What precautions are taken so children who are born into Poly and Kink relationships do not feel the weight of adult censure and criticism.
- Creating authentic novels that introduce others to various alternative lifestyles while protecting the members of his family, their identities and privacy, despite their own real-time involvement.
- Where the ideas come from when it comes to the Romantic Suspense genre, and how close to reality are the plots that have been created.
- What other genres would be explored, including genres that an erotic romance author could have difficulty breaking into because of the stigma that is placed on writers in that genre.

## 2021 APPEARANCES

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person 2021 appearances have been cancelled. We are preparing for Shakir to make appearances in various events in the 2021 calendar year as they become available. As the appearances are confirmed, we will update this media kit accordingly.

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