

## **Interview with Black Pearl Magazine (BPM)**

**BPM:** Where are you from? How did you start your writing journey?

**Denrique:** I was born and raised in Trinidad. I migrated to the USA over 15 years. As a child, I was fascinated with words. I began to study my dictionary as an adolescent. Finally, one of my English teachers—realizing my love for words and my ability to express myself—encouraged me to write. I kept a small journal and the rest is history.

**BPM:** What makes your book stand out and would entice a reader to pick it up?

**Denrique:** The title. My book is about social awareness and politics; therefore, it's important to have a title that's indicative of the complex and real issues captured on its pages. *The Undisguised Truth*...need I say more?

**BPM:** Ultimately, what do you want readers to gain from your book?

**Denrique:** Knowledge on key issues in our society: injustice, crimes, stereotypes, the current economic crisis and the politics of it all. This book also chronicles the U.S. Elections 2008 which is now one of the most memorable elections in U.S. history.

**BPM:** What is the most surprising thing you have learned in creating books?

**Denrique:** Nothing really surprises me. I look forward to undertaking challenges.

**BPM:** What would you say has been your most significant achievement as a writer? How did you do it?

**Denrique:** Winning a national award for my 2<sup>nd</sup> book *Stranger Than Fiction*. Having readers find my books fascinating enough to read, is quite a humbling experience, but having someone decide to give me an award for it is indescribable!

**BPM:** What advice would you give a new writer?

**Denrique:** To borrow a quote I read in a *Writer's Digest* magazine many years ago... "A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit."

**BPM:** Name 3 things that it takes to make a successful author, in your opinion?

**Denrique:** Practice makes perfect. Write daily or weekly until you've developed a sense of originality. Do not be afraid to share your work with interested readers, even if your work is unedited. A single reader can be the catalyst to you getting your work edited and published.

**BPM:** What can we expect from you in the future?

**Denrique:** My next book, a thriller titled *Deception is Reality* is sure to captivate readers.

**BPM:** Share with us your latest news, events or upcoming book releases.

**Denrique:** I have a few great things in the making; however, I am kind of superstitious, so I need to hold on to them until later. Nonetheless, with the January 15, 2009 release of *The Undisguised Truth*, I am currently scheduling book signings, interviews, workshops...etc. For more information visit [www.denrique.com](http://www.denrique.com) or email me at [denriquebooks@aol.com](mailto:denriquebooks@aol.com).