

PRINTHOUSE BOOKS; AUTHOR; Thomas Barr Jr.

Hailing from Miami Florida; Author Thomas Barr was born in Lake City, South Carolina home of the 2nd African American astronaut, killed on the Challenger space mission, Dr. Ronald E. McNair. He is the grandson of a share cropper whom taught him the value of hard work and education. At age 17 he began college at Bethune-Cookman University and graduated Cum Laude with honors. While in college he was inspired to write when he read the novel, Black Boy by Richard Wright. He began writing short stories for campus publications and won a \$500 dollar publication contest in a local campus circular. He entered the Air Force after college and spent two tours of duty in the gulf during the Persian Gulf War. Upon leaving the Military he went back to school and completed graduate school at the University of Akron in Ohio earning a master of public administration. He began a career in government as an Intern with the Ohio legislature and later became employed with the Florida Senate as a legislative assistant. His current works were inspired by his work with the City of Miami as a civil servant in administration.

Thomas Barr's writings reflect the everyday struggle of the average individual trying to make something of life. Every person has a story to tell and the job of an inspirational writer is to bring those stories to life for the good of all. As an author Thomas Barr desires to be the chronicler of inspirational stories designed to assist dreamers in achieving.