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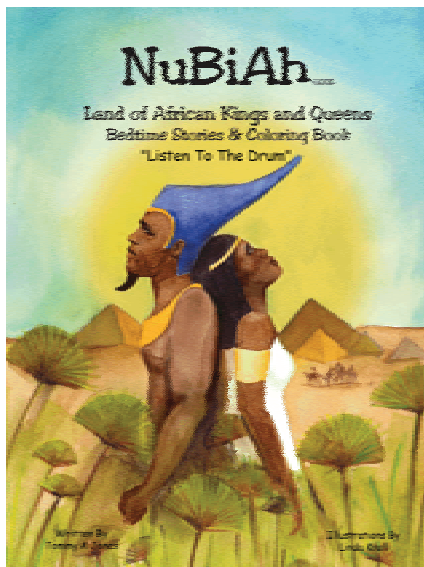
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Local San Francisco Bay Area resident Tommy Jones has authored an empowering bedtime story coloring book *NuBiAh* that encourages inner city youth to find their passion while practicing respect for their fellow man.



Tommy explains, "Every Black history month I find myself tirelessly channel searching for relevant television programming. Although there are great life lessons to be learned from Kunta Kinte/Toby and the *Roots* series, I wondered about the important events that took place before the slave trade? I asked myself over and over again, weren't there great kingdoms where Black Kings and Queens ruled prominent dynasties before slavery? That's when I decided to write a bedtime stories book to empower inner city children. I want to reach the lower income areas where their lifestyle is most challenged with great inner city pressures.

Born and raised in south central Los Angeles, Tommy grew up with intense inner city challenges. He now works as an advertising executive in Oakland and surrounding cities of the San Francisco Bay Area. Tommy says, "I want to help the youth of Oakland, San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Atlanta, D.C. and everywhere understand the importance of passion and achievement of a higher quality of life. Our youth are challenged to learn many life lessons on their own. Because of absentee mentors, majority of them haven't been taught core values. As a result, many are at risk of becoming a menace to society."

In 1986 Tommy attended Morehouse College, a historically Black University that he credits with teaching him several easy strategies for success. After receiving four college degrees and his MBA from CSU, Chico Tommy say's, "I wanted to believe it when I said, I'm Black and I'm proud so I spent a little more time than necessary in college just to validate my own sense of self-identity. For me, this is what got me on the right track."

He wrote NuBiAh to help those inner city youth whose life circumstances somehow prevented them from acquiring a solid education. NuBiAh, is an empowering/motivational work that highlights the best of African Kings and Queens and their best characteristics, principles and traits

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