

Author Lily L. Ratliff

Speaker Biography:

Once being the product of the adoption system, God turned what the devil deemed as nothing into a mover and shaker that He could use for the Kingdom!

Lily L. Ratliff is a writer, educator, entrepreneur and speaker. Lily is the author of the Christian inspirational memoir, *The Life of a Lily* that has been ranked consecutively for weeks on the Top 50 Black Christian Book Distributors Independent Publishers Bestsellers List for Non-Fiction. She also owns and operates "Everything That's Lily, LLC," an online book and inspirational jewelry business. The company brings literature and style with the word of God together to create a sense of fashion for everyone who loves jewelry, but also doesn't mind being reminded of the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Her first work of fiction, "All is Not Lost" will be featured as a short story in the Christian anthology, *After You've Done All You Can* to be released December 2008. Her testimony of how she got over and ultimately created her business, Everything That's Lily LLC will be featured in her short story "The Breakthrough" February 2009 in the anthology, *Stepping Out on Faith*. She is currently working on a children's book series entitled "The Last Shall Be First".

Lily is an honorary member of Cambridge Who's Who for Entrepreneurs, Professionals, and Executives, a finalist in the 2008 Next Generation Indie Book Awards for Best Overall Design, and a nominee for the 2008 African American Literary Award for Non-Fiction. She is also a member of American Christian Fiction Writers, Atlanta Chapter (Visions in Print).

Lily has taught elementary through high school English and Reading for eleven years. She holds a bachelor's degree in English Education from the University of South Florida. A master's degree in Reading Education and an educational specialist in Educational Leadership were both earned from Nova Southeastern University. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She has served in many ministry capacities, from singing in her local church choir, to teaching Sunday school and reading enrichment for the youth in the community.

Lily is also a dynamic inspirational speaker who has been sought after by churches, writing circles, schools, and community organizations to motivate, encourage, and inspire today's youth & young adults. She has been featured as a writer on Internet Cafe Devotions, and Inspired Women Magazine, interviewed on various radio shows, and a guest on Atlanta Live Ch. 57 TV.