

ReShonda Tate Billingsley

ReShonda Tate Billingsley always did have an active imagination. From making up stories to crafting award-winning poems, the national bestselling author has maintained a love for storytelling. After numerous rejections from publishers, ReShonda stepped out on faith, established her own publishing company, and released her debut novel, *My Brother's Keeper*. It's a move that paid off as Megahouse publisher, Simon & Schuster/Pocket Books picked up the book, and to date, has published most of ReShonda's books.

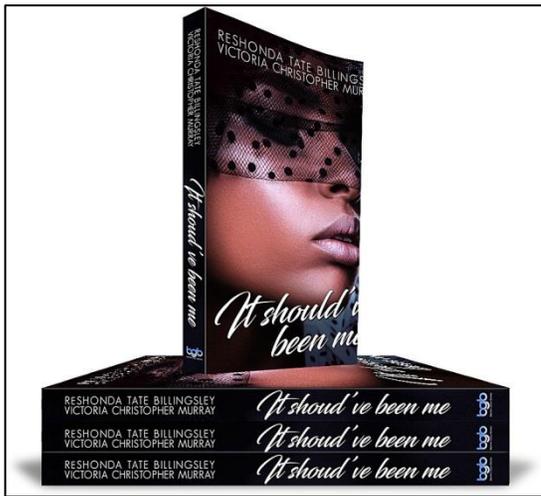
A well-respected journalist for more than two decades, Reshonda has worked as a Television Reporter and Anchor for stations in Oklahoma City, Beaumont, and Houston. ReShonda also works an editor for the Houston Defender Newspaper, as well as a professional editor, ghostwriter and literary consultant. She left her job at FOX 26 News in Houston in 2007 to write full-time. And write she does...

ReShonda is the national bestselling author of more than 40 books. She writes both adult and teen fiction, as well as nonfiction. Several of her books have been optioned for movies, including her sophomore novel, *Let the Church Say Amen*, directed by actress Regina King, and produced by TD Jakes and Queen Latifah. ReShonda made her on-screen movie debut in the film, which aired in August 2015 and was one of BET's highest rated original programs. TV One recently released the TV version of ReShonda's book *The Secret She Kept* on July 10, 2016 and will be airing *The Devil is a Lie* sometime in the Fall of 2016.



Book Synopsis: *It Should've Been Me*

Lights, camera, action... Tamara Collins is poised to become the next great American actress. The problem is Hollywood doesn't know that just yet....and since her bills aren't paying themselves, Tamara signs on to star in the new stage play, *It Should've Been Me*. Get in, get out, get paid...that's all Tamara wants to do. But her co-stars – including Donovan Dobbs, her ex that left her at the altar and Camille Woods, a young starlet with a serious grudge – could make this the worst decision Tamara's ever made.



Whatever it takes... Playwright/producer Gwen Tanner Weinstein has decided if her neglectful husband can't give her love, she'll take his money. And use it to make her stage play dreams come true. She's put together an amazing cast, sold out shows across the country and is ready to take her rightful reign as one of the top play producers in the country. If only she can keep the drama contained to the stage....and that sexy young merchandising guy out of her bed.... From shady crewmembers, to unscrupulous paparazzi, *It Should've Been Me* is bound to be turned into real life

drama that will rival anything that could ever happen on the stage.