







**Seasons Greetings!** 

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The year has flown by and 2023 is almost history. 2023 has been all about Intermission. I've been busy and traveled quite a bit. I have enjoyed meeting readers, seeing old friends and new places. (all except that horrible Greyhound bus ride). Intermission has received favorable reviews, reached the best-seller list in August on AAABC.com and was selected by First for Women (those magazines you scan while in the grocery store line) as a book club read, and was even mentioned in Ebony Magazine. I appreciate your support and hope Intermission gave you a break from the year's divisive and tumultuous headlines.

If you're like me and still have a few gifts to buy, consider giving someone a good time by gifting them a copy of Intermission.

A reminder that time is precious, so I hope you enjoy your summer and spend time with friends and family.

If you're still Christmas shopping, remember that books make great gifts. If you don't know what they like, give them a bookstore gift card. They get the joy of unwrapping your gift and then selecting it. This is a good exercise particularly for young people – to get them to take a break from their screens and games.

Even though I am a late bloomer in this industry, my audience is loyal and growing, thanks to you! I thank you for buying the book, inviting me to your book clubs and telling others about it. But I do need something else (I know – some people are never satisfied.) REVIEWS. As of today, I have only 31. Reviews are used in algorithms that impact everything from the ability to get the book in audible version to catching the eye of larger media outlets. Even if you didn't buy the book on Amazon, you can leave a review. Whether we like it or not, they control the market and we have to play their gamexx.

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If you don't have a local bookstore, here are a few independent bookstores with an online presence that have been very supportive to me and have been in business many years:

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Boswell Books - <u>https://www.boswellbooks.com/</u> (independent store in Milwaukee)

Dock Bookshop - <u>https://www.thedockbookshop.com/</u> (black female owned store in Fort Worth, TX) Novel Bookstore - <u>https://www.novelmemphis.com/</u> (independent store in Memphis)

Pyramid Art Books & Custom Framing - <u>https://www.pyramid1988.com/</u> (black female owned store in Little Rock, AR)

Get Ready – Get Ready – Get Ready

Intermission was the first book in a two-book deal. My next novel comes out in the summer. So in 2024, you'll get **A Taste for More**. Stay tuned for the cover reveal in a few weeks. The story spans thirty years, two women and one family. Buckle your seatbelt and get ready for the unexpected!

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P.S. If you're planning 2024 virtual or in-person book events (Intermission or A Taste for More), contact me!

I hope you get to relax and spend time with family and friends over the next few weeks, and let's remember the reason for the season!

Take care,

Phyllis

P.S. Be sure to leave reviews on Amazon and Goodreads.

## PURCHASE LINKS:

https://aalbc.com/books/bookinfo.php?isbn13=9781496743114

https://www.kensingtonbooks.com/9781496743114/intermission/

A few pictures from 2023 Intermission book events.



July 25 book launch in Memphis at Novel.

Interview on Channel 3 – Live at 9



Homecoming at Boswell Book Company in Milwaukee. Also pic with my cutest reader (grandbaby!).



With my mom at Delta literacy event in Schaumburg, IL.



Made the news! TMJ Channel 4

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### A few of the book festivals I attended.



On a panel with these authors at Books by the Bank, bFook festival in Cincinnati.





Trinity River Book Festival in Fort Worth

# National Black Book Festival in Houston

# With a few book clubs...



Memphis, TN

Jackson, MS



**Binghampton NY** 



## Interested in a nostalgic tale?

## Pick up Intermission by Phyllis R. Dixon

A glamorous, nostalgic '90s story begins in this fun novel following four women, Angel, Carmen, Doreen and Jade — once known as the pop music group The Diamonds. But a bitter betrayal broke up the group years ago. Now, in their midlife, a reunion offers each of them a fresh start. But the demands of

### A few pictures from Delta Authors on Tour

Featured authors at reception with Pittsburgh Mayor Gainey and chapter officers.

At August Wilson house. (Writing a play is on my bucket list.)

Featured authors and Delta officers on Pitt campus with commissioned Delta monument.

City view during Pittsburgh tour. I rode (reluctantly) the incline to the bottom of the hill.

Received Resolution from Memphis City Council during Southern Region Delta Authors on Tour.

Stay safe and enjoy your summer!