



darling Nikki

An Anthology of Creative Works Dedicated to the
Memory of Nikki Giovanni

"Darling Nikki is a love letter with many authors."

—**Jessica Care Moore**
From the Foreword to Volume One

More than **150 poets, writers, artists, and photographers** come together in this multi-volume anthology celebrating the life and legacy of Nikki Giovanni.

Filled with original poetry, essays, artwork, and photography, Darling Nikki is both a tribute and a testament to the generations she continues to inspire.



150+
contributors
from around
the world in
the series



170
full color
pages



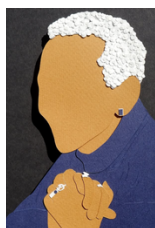
A celebration
of love, legacy,
activism & joy



Volume One officially launched at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center in Knoxville, Tennessee, home to Nikki Giovanni's personal library and archives. A contributor-signed anthology copy was also placed in her personal library.

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Kevin Powell
Rev. Renee Kesler
Angela Dennis
Robert Shetterly
and many more



ABOUT NIKKI GIOVANNI

A poet. An educator. An activist. A daughter of Knoxville, Tennessee. Nikki Giovanni's words changed the world. Her legacy continues to light the way.



**I hope I die
warmed by the
life I tried to live.**

—**Nikki Giovanni**

BOOK DETAILS

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Contributors gathered in Knoxville to celebrate the official launch of the Nikki Giovanni anthology series.



Attendees tour of Nikki's library & archives



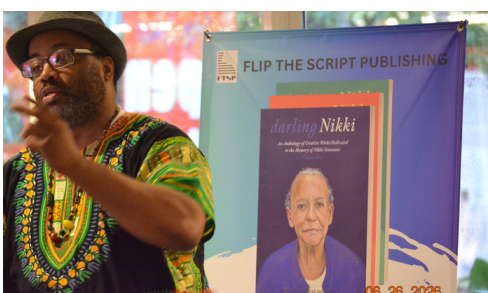
Editor Monalisa D. Moody



A full house came together to celebrate Nikki



Book signing at "In Her Voice" open mic



Volume 2 Contributor M.A. Dennis



Volume 1 Contributor Tawanna Woolfolk



Editor Monalisa D. Moody in conversation
with Rev. Renee Kesler



Nikki Giovanni memorabilia on display
throughout the Beck



Readers celebrate the launch weekend

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“ It is an honor to offer this essay. It is a deeply personal, historically grounded reflection on the life and legacy of our native daughter, Nikki Giovanni. ”

-Rev. Renee Kesler, President
at Beck, Knoxville Historian, &
Contributor

“ The love and honor for Sis Nikki at this two day event was profound and deeply moving. Everyone there is a part of a profound fellowship; joined in our shared experiences of how she has affected our work and our lives. ”

-Fisiwe Zwana Freeman, Poet &
Contributor

“ So grateful to publisher Monalisa Moody for traveling all the way from Atlanta to hold this event, and to the Beck and Rev. Renee Kesler for creating space for the launch of this national book series. ”

-Angela Dennis, Knoxville Award-winning Journalist & Contributor



BRING *darling Nikki* TO YOUR COMMUNITY

The anthology launch weekend demonstrated the power of poetry, storytelling, and the community coming together to honor Nikki Giovanni's enduring legacy.

Bring the conversations inspired by Nikki Giovanni to your campus, library, or community. Editor Monalisa D. Moody and anthology contributors are available for literary programs exploring Giovanni's legacy, poetry, storytelling, creative expression, and the making of this national anthology series.



Contributors gather for Friday evening's open mic



Artifacts on display at Beck



Rev. Kesler reading "Home" by Nikki Giovanni



Now stocked at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center Bookstore



Volume 1 Contributor Dr. Kerry Brackett



Book signing at anthology main event



Community members share reflections on Nikki Giovanni's enduring legacy

AUTHOR TALKS • CONTRIBUTOR READINGS • PANEL DISCUSSIONS • STUDENT & COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS • BOOK SIGNINGS

Recommended for: Universities • Public & Academic Libraries • Special Collections • Literary & Cultural Organizations • Black History Month • Women's History Month • National Poetry Month

Speaking Topics: Nikki Giovanni's Literary Legacy • Editing & Curating a National Anthology • Independent Publishing • Poetry & Social Justice • Cultural Memory & Community Storytelling

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Join us in continuing Nikki Giovanni's legacy—one conversation, one community, one reader at a time.