



Praise for **A DEEP DARK SECRET:**

“Powerful...An intense gem in an authentic voice.” — *Publishers Weekly*

It's a compelling story...we wanted to make sure our readers didn't miss this.”
— Patrik Henry Bass, Senior Editor, *Essence* magazine

“Her characters are so realistic and dialogue so on target that you've just got to ask yourself what congregation has Roby been spying on?” — *Clarion-Ledger* (Jackson, Mississippi)

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**Privileged Preacher's Daughter Gets More Than She Bargained for in
Sequel by *New York Times* Bestselling Author Kimberla Lawson Roby
Readers Will Delight in Returning to World of Alicia Black**

ATLANTA (September 14, 2009) — Her first marriage didn't work out, but that won't stop the privileged daughter of the charismatic Reverend Curtis Black from getting what she wants in the delightful new read by *New York Times* bestselling author Kimberla Lawson Roby. In **BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRAY FOR**, the sequel to **THE BEST OF EVERYTHING**, Roby takes readers back to the world of Alicia — the lovely daughter of the infamous Reverend Curtis Black. Now all grown up, Alicia clearly is headed for trouble of her own!

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRAY FOR (William Morrow, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers; Jan. 19, 2010; \$23.99; ISBN 978-0061443114) goes on sale on **Jan. 19, 2010**.

In the early part of 2010, Roby will embark on a national tour to promote the book.

One month after Alicia Black's wedding to her second husband, she can't believe her good fortune. God has heeded her prayers, blessing her with Pastor JT Valentine, a handsome, dynamic man of the cloth with his own large congregation, just like her father.

Unfortunately, Alicia doesn't understand just how much like Curtis her new husband truly is. She doesn't know JT has been sneaking around town with other women — or that he only married her to get close to her famous father's money and fame. But while Alicia is blinded by love, her dad certainly isn't.

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He warned his little girl that JT “simply can’t be trusted.” After all, it takes one to know one, and who better to see into the darkness of a sinner’s heart than Curtis?

It will take a miracle to save the day. But God acts in mysterious ways, and soon a host of lies, long-time secrets, and acts of betrayal come to light, and Alicia must face some very crucial and life-changing decisions. This time, though, she’s got to be careful what she prays for. . . .

Of her latest work, Roby — adored by legions of readers for her stories that focus on true-to-life social issues — says, “Because scandal in the church, sadly, continues to be a very serious and ongoing issue, I believe **BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRAY FOR** is not only timely but so very needed.”

Her 13th book and second novella, **A DEEP DARK SECRET**, is the Essence Book Club Recommended Read by *Essence* magazine for November 2009.

Roby’s novels have frequented bestseller lists, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Essence* magazine, *Upscale* magazine, Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Wal-Mart and many others. Roby’s **CASTING THE FIRST STONE** received the Blackboard Fiction Book of the Year Award for 2001, after also remaining the number-one Blackboard bestseller for four consecutive months in 2000.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Kimberla Lawson Roby is the author of the acclaimed works *A Deep Dark Secret* (novella), *The Best of Everything*, *Sin No More*, *One in a Million* (novella), *Love and Lies*, *Changing Faces*, *The Best-Kept Secret*, *Too Much of a Good Thing*, *A Taste of Reality*, *Behind Closed Doors*, *Here and Now*, *Casting the First Stone* and *It’s a Thin Line*. She lives with her husband in Illinois.

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