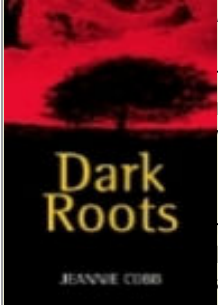


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## ***Award-Winning Historical Novel Puts California Author In Spotlight***

CUSHCITY.COM, the world's largest online retailer of African-American products and the most highly trafficked African-American e-commerce site in cyberspace, proudly announces the release of a new book by author **Jeannie Cobb**.



### ***Dark Roots***

Time is running out. Ganny Ida has had the dream. And that only means one thing: death. Now, Dr. James Brooks—a renowned anthropologist and Ganny Ida's precious grandson—is missing. All that remains where his body once was—before vanishing into thin air—is the talisman: the focal point of Ganny Ida's dream.

In order to save her only brother from an almost certain death and stop the unfolding chain of events, Amber must go back in time when slavery existed. With the help of two unlikely heroes, her dearest friend Malcolm and Clayton, the white man she loves, Amber embarks on a journey to Benin, West Africa, that will test her loyalty not only of her family and her heritage, but also of her love for a man whose ancestors are the very cause of her people's suffering.

Through its tumultuous and heart-wrenching account of Amber's plight—complicated by an interracial romance—*Dark Roots* teaches us that the only way to move forward in the present is to explore and understand our past.



### **About the Author**

**Jeannie Cobb** was honored by the 2005 Los Angeles Black Book Expo for *Dark Roots*, her first novel. Cobb was also honored as a 2005 finalist in the African-American fiction category by USA BookNews.com.

The historical tome has received high marks from a number of African-American book clubs, both online and off-line, that have chosen it as their monthly book selection.

The Nubian Circle Book Club described *Dark Roots* as "wonderfully imagined and well written." Natasha T., a reviewer at Rawsistaz, one of the best-known and highly respected African-American online clubs, says, "I strongly encourage everyone to read this book."

Cobb graduated with a degree in English from Stanford University, and spent the next several years developing and marketing computers globally for various Silicon Valley companies and teaching English as a Second Language before she went on to write her first novel, *Dark Roots*.

She spends her time with her husband Jerry and their four children between their homes in San Jose, Calif., and her hometown of South Bend, Ind., where she was born and raised.

Cobb has had a passion for writing since grade school. "I pretty much traveled around the world for years as a high-tech marketing person before I began penning manuscripts," she says, "but I had always planned to sit down and write one day."

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