

Mp3 Toshia Shaw - Open Book



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Toshia sings and performs spoken word over an eclectic mixture of Jazz, Go-Go, R&B, World Music, Folk, with a tinge of Hip-Hop. 17 MP3 Songs SPOKEN WORD: With Music, URBAN/R&B: Contemporary urban

Details: It takes a brave person to completely open themselves up to the public, with no reservations. Open Book, the aptly titled 16-bonus track spoken-word CD, by Memphis' rising star Toshia gives the listener a sneak peak inside of her world. Each song weaves a tale of life, social issues, love, and uplifting and empowerment of youth. The CD is a mixture of Jazz, Go Go, R&B, World Music, Folk, with a tinge of Hip-Hop. The Awakening is a coming of age song about a young woman slowly realizing things aren't always what they seem. Brotha Just Breathe speaks primarily to African- American men, telling them to pick up their heads and take charge of their lives. The folk tale, Coffee, depicts the anticipation of meeting who could be her soul mate in a coffee shop. Spellbound is a feel good track where Toshia exudes her sweet and melodic voice over a track speaking of a new love. Even more engaging is the track entitled Live Your Life, where she speaks to the youth telling them to be leaders, to be true to themselves, and go after their dreams. Island Lover, is a Latin groove with melodious percussions where Toshia lulls the listener to elude and find true love on an island. Still, the narration of the seductive, and intimate, Waiting for You describes a woman and her anticipation waiting on her lover. Yet, the track entitled My Song of Solomon makes a spiritual twist, where Toshia speaks about the beauty that King Solomon could not forget or resist. After reading The Song of Solomon in the bible I realized just how beautiful we (African-American women) are." "I have had such huge experiences throughout my young life, that it became important for me to write things down. Not only was it therapeutic, but also I figured it was a way to give back. To help someone else who may be going through something similar." Toshia began writing at the tender age of seven, where she wrote a book that took first place in a writing contest in her

birthplace of Illinois. "It was then I decided that becoming a writer is what I wanted to do." Currently, Toshia has written a book of poems, in which she has self-published titled, "I'm Just sayin..." which has gained her notoriety around the city of Memphis. Toshia has also completed a novel entitled High Stakes, which she tells a story of three young African-American females entrapped in the nightlife of Las Vegas, Nevada which she is currently seeking publication. Toshia worked as a telephone operator while working on the CD, however she has never lost sight of her dream. As of now, the lover of words is more apt to be seen on stage at local poetry venues, and various musical showcases performing in front of crowds baring her soul. "My life is an open book, I feel that I am here to share my music, my words, and myself." If it's her artistic voice she's sharing, were definitely listening. Open Book is a testament of emotion, passion, and life lessons. Toshia is a spoken word artist on the rise.

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