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I hold a B.S. in Journalism and an MBA. My freelance articles about families and relationships have appeared in print at *The Tennessee Tribune* and online at *The Praying Woman*, *Black and Married with Kids*, *Black Family Preservation Group, Inc.* *Urbanite*, etc. In 2014, I won a business pitch competition sponsored by Capitol One and quit my job as an energy analyst to write about families and relationships. I also maintain a blog and lead workshops. In 2016, my blog received 161,000 hits. This year, to date, it has received 16,000 hits.

Fast Facts:

- Includes Reader's Guide
- Contemporary Fiction
- 56,000 words
- Co-Written with my Dad

My dad, Onnie I. Kirk Jr., runs a mentoring program for boys from single-parent homes.

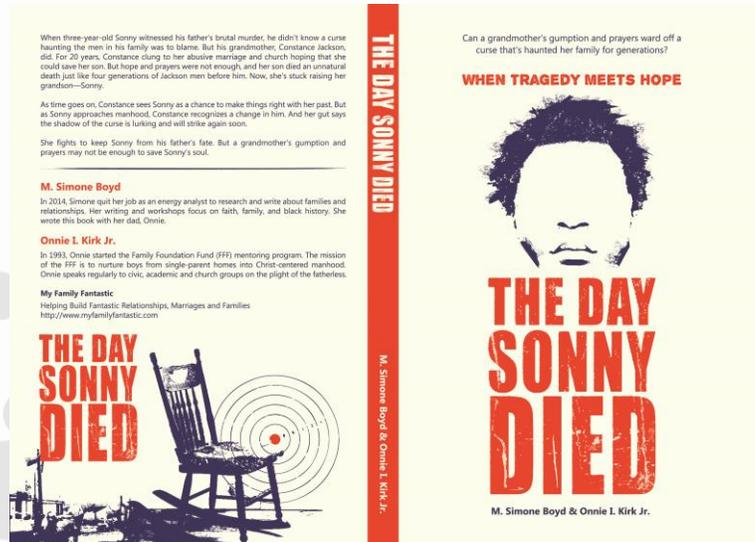


Dr. Ben Carson has visited the young men in my dad's organization twice to share his story of growing up fatherless. My dad speaks regularly to civic, academic, and church groups about the plight of the fatherless. He also writes a quarterly newsletter that reaches 3,000 people.

The Day Sonny Died

Sheds light on the struggles of young, black, men in Ferguson, Baltimore, and Everywhere.

When three-year-old Sonny witnessed his father's brutal murder, he didn't know a curse haunting the men in his family was to blame. But his grandmother, Constance Jackson, did.



For twenty years, Constance clung to her abusive marriage and church hoping that she could save her son. But hope and prayers were not enough, and her son died an unnatural death just like four generations of Jackson men before him. Now, she's stuck raising her grandson—Sonny.

As time goes on, Constance sees Sonny as a chance to make things right with her past. But as Sonny approaches manhood, Constance recognizes a change in him. And her gut says the shadow of the curse is lurking and will strike again soon.

She fights to keep Sonny from his father's fate. But a grandmother's gumption and prayers may not be enough to save Sonny's soul.

Deals with issues common to the wounds of the fatherless, such as:

- Rejection
- Anger
- Fear
- Generational Curses

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