



United Black Book Clubs of Pittsburgh (UBBCP)

Literary Healing IV: Family



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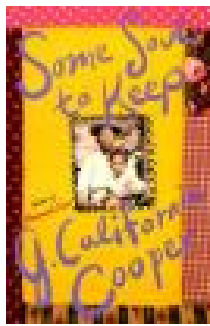
LITERARY BINDINGS

Once a Month Community Chat at the Homewood Carnegie Library

November 14, 2009 (1-3 PM)

"What Are Your Tales of Survival and Struggle?"

Suggested book reading for this chat topic:

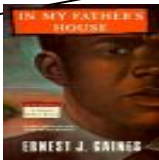


Some Soul to Keep is made up of five stories (Sisters in the Rain; The Life You Live (May Not Be Your Own); Red-Winged Blackbirds; About Love and Money; Feeling for Life). All stories are sufficiently long and eventful to seem like miniature novels. All are told by female narrators and are intended to be read aloud so that the subtleties of the black dialect can be fully appreciated. These narrators are strongly opinionated and frequently interrupt their narratives to interject philosophical observations. J. California Cooper writes with a transparent clarity and such exuberant energy that her characters leap off the page, bursting with the stories they've got to tell--stories of simple people, stories of families and fate, of love and marriage, of death and the triumph of the human spirit. Cooper is that most rare and wondrous thing: a true storyteller whose tales trace the energies of life itself.

Partnering Community Organization: [The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime \(CVVC\)](#)

[The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime \(CVVC\)](#) provides victim advocacy and support services, crisis intervention, counseling and community education programs that address the causes and impacts of all types of violence and crime. CVVC mission is to help individuals, families and communities survive the trauma and receive the help and healing they need. Chat topic discussion will be lead by CVVC's WellWoman's Radio Show host, LaVerne Baker Hotep.

(Books listed are suggested readings for the chat topic)

<p>DECEMBER 2009 no meeting (discuss during holiday celebrations) HOW DO YOU MAINTAIN FAMILY UNITY?</p>  <p><i>A Piece of Mind</i> J. California Cooper</p>	<p>JANUARY 16, 2010 2pm-4pm WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE BLACK FAMILY?</p>  <p><i>A Gathering of Old Men</i> Ernest Gaines</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 6, 2010 1pm-5pm (Read Around) A CELEBRATION OF LIFE!</p>  <p><i>The Matter is Life</i> J. California Cooper</p>	<p>MARCH 13, 2010 2pm-4pm WHAT IS THE HEALING POWER OF FAMILY?</p>  <p><i>In My Father's House</i> Ernest Gaines</p>
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Location: Homewood Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 7101 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15208; 412-731-3080; 412-721-9191(UBBCP)



UBBCP is an association of librarians, readers and book clubs in Pittsburgh. Through a united effort, UBBCP was formed to promote literary activities and events, to provide community outreach programs, and to spread the love of reading throughout the community.