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## About Me

I am a former highschool English teacher and the author of seven books. As a freelance writer, my mission is to share stories and articles that help to improve parenting, explore DEI, and promote cultural awareness and healing.

## Featured Articles

- [Jamie Mayes is a Force of Nature](#)
- [Jamie Mayes on Education, Self-Love & The Black Intellectualism Movement](#)
- [Mother, Son Bond in the Kitchen](#)
- [Mother & Son in Monroe Write Mommy & Me Cookbook](#)
- [Meet Jamie Mayes- Voyage ATL](#)

## Books

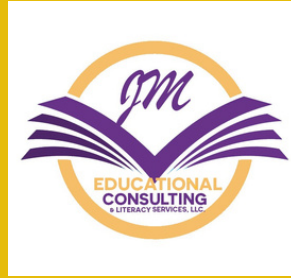
- [Tear-Stained Dresses & Dusty Shoes](#)
- [Pennies In My Pocket](#)
- [Bitter Lemons, Sweet Lemonade](#)
- [Expecting](#)
- [Blood is Supposed to be Thicker](#)
- [The Mommy & Me Cookbook](#)
- [TREKKED](#)

## Freelance Articles

- [2 of Louisiana Black Women Authors Speak on Writing](#)
- [Beyond ABCs at Home](#)
- [A Mother More Special Than Education](#)

# Keynote Speaker & Guest Presenter Events

- Organizer & Presenter for the 2018 Louisiana Federation of Teachers PRAXIS Workshop
- Presenter for the 2021 Louisiana Early Childhood Association Conference
- Presenter for the 2020 Louisiana Early Childhood Association Conference
- Presenter for Blue Cross Blue Shield Corporate Office (2021)
- Presenter for the 2020 Louisiana Teacher Leader Summit



## Awards & Recognitions

- Recognized as One of the Women Who Shape the Delta- Delta Style Magazine- Dec. 2017
- Community Angel Award- DeRidder, La. City Council (Kimaron Moore)- Oct. 2017
- Outstanding Author Award- Monroe Alumnae Delta Sigma Theta- January 2019
- Recipient of the C.A,M,E,O. Award for the Arts- Omicron Iota Omega-Alpha Kappa Alpha- Dec. 2020
- Young Professionals Top 20 Under 40 Nominee- Monroe Chamber of Commerce- 2019, 2020 & 2022

### Featured Videos & Media:

- [Guest on Poetic Justice for All](#)
- [Guest on Navigating My Crazy](#)
- [Jamie Mayes on FWM Radio](#)
- [Mommy and Me: Family Fruit Cups](#)
- [Mommy & Me Cookbook Authors](#)
- [Readers Lounge Being Held on June 15](#)
- [African American Heritage Museum Kwanzaa Celebration](#)
- [Local Monroe Author Makes National News](#)
- [The Education Round-Up 360](#)



## Most Recent Published Book & Details

# TREKKED

Page count: 265 pages

Genre: Fiction

Publication Date: June 6, 2020

ISBN: 978-1734715903

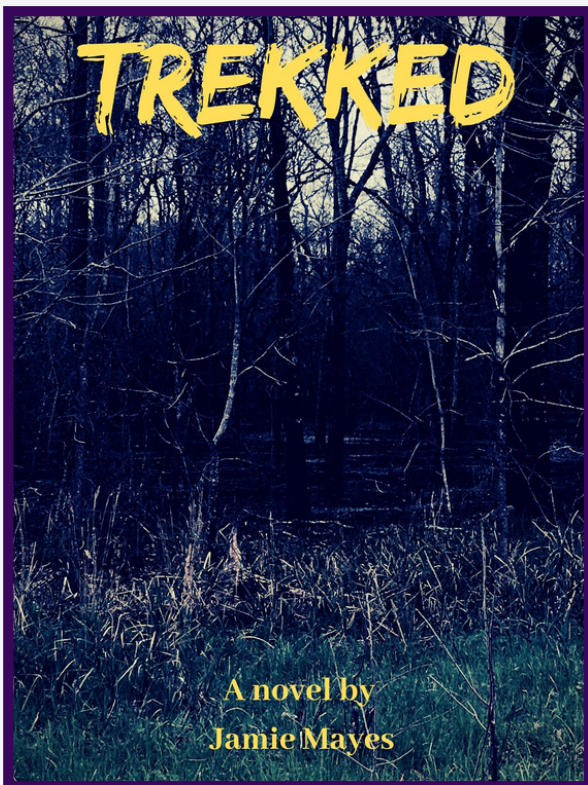
Price: \$15.95

Available Format: Print & Ebook

*\*Available on Amazon.*

### Comparable Titles

Kindred by Octavia Butler  
Memphis by Tara Stringfellow  
Sula by Toni Morrison



### Book Synopsis

The author explores the hidden practices of a small town when high school friends Madyson and Ben decide to take a road trip. A wrong turn on a back road in Louisiana turns a fun journey into a nightmare they were unprepared for. However, it forces Madyson to re-examine life and her priorities to survive. Brad and Grace have been able to teach their bi-racial children to be the example of colorless love in their community. When their children face their own racial experience, it seriously awakens the entire family. Brad and Grace acknowledge that they have not prepared their children for the inevitable- a cruel world. Their marriage is tested when Grace and Brad are forced to deal with the role race plays in their own relationship and daily lives. Fate brings the paths of Madyson, Grace, Brad, and their children together, and they must right the wrongs of society right in their own back yard.

### Book Excerpt

"...Sometimes people ain't what you been told they is. And when you learn that you feel outright ashamed because it's so hard to get them thoughts you been taught out of your head. Sometimes strangers treat you better than the people you know; sometimes, the people you hate are the ones to teach you about love... The point is, remember that everything you do has a consequence. You might pay the price, or your children might pay the price, but the price will be paid." -Jennie, *TREKKED*