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Virginia Author's 25th Book Delves Deeper Into the 100-Word Story Form

Hampton, VA— March 11, 2022 Local award-winning author and Hampton University creative writing professor Ran Walker is launching his 25th book, *The Library of Afro Curiosities: 100-Word Stories*, on April 12, 2022 (with pre-orders currently open). Over the past few years, the lawyer-turned-writer has gradually shifted away from writing novels to writing microfiction exclusively, particularly 100-word stories. Walker's first collection of 100-Word stories, *Keep It 100*, was selected by Kojo Baffoe for South Africa's *Sunday Times*' Best Reads of 2021 and is being featured in the Virginia Festival of the Book this month.

Walker began turning all of his creative attention toward microfiction (stories of 500 words or fewer) during the earlier part of the pandemic after his wife recommended he write what made him happy. Since then, he has become fascinated with the types of stories that can be told within 100-word story form.

"It's the perfect blend of fiction and poetry, mainly because it focuses exclusively on words and language. You'd be surprised at how much you can express if you choose the right 100 words," says Walker.

Walker has become quite an evangelist for the form, writing about it for *Writer's Digest* magazine, participating on national panels, conducting workshops, and even teaching it to his creative writing students at Hampton University. "It's a wonderful way to figure out what is most important about your story and how to present that to the reader. You can also fine-tune your editing skills," Walker says.

Excerpt of *The Library of Afro Curiosities*:

"The Book Club"

Cynthia started the novel four times before finally deciding to put it down. The novel had been *her* choice for the book club, a change from the usual romances and mysteries she felt were not serious enough for her tastes.

She'd heard about the novel on NPR, and the group had accepted the recommendation without challenge.

When they finally met to discuss the book, everyone had read and enjoyed the book, everyone except Cynthia, who couldn't bring herself to finish it.

As the club continued to read more challenging books, Cynthia had to leave the club to find another one.

The Library of Afro Curiosities: 100-Word Stories will be available wherever books are sold.

Contact Ran Walker at his website: www.ranwalker.com

Note to Media:

Ran Walker is available for interviews.

To arrange an interview, you can reach out to him directly at the above email address and phone number.