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**Love, Murder, Greed and Precious Stones Drive the Debut Novel  
by Ja’Nese Dixon as an FBI Agent Hunts for  
the Leader of an International Rebel Group**

HOUSTON, TX (May 12, 2010) – Blood diamonds have appeared on the big screen and in hip hop tunes but newcomer Ja’Nese Dixon explores the life of an FBI agent hunting the faceless leader of an international rebel group suspected of trafficking conflict diamonds in her debut novel *Black Diamond*.

It’s estimated that nearly 10 million people globally are supported by the diamond industry and approximately 65% of the world’s diamonds come from African countries in which conflict diamonds represent nearly 4% of all diamond production.

In *Black Diamond* (\$15.95, Tradepaper, ISBN: 978-1935724001), Ja’Nese Dixon, fictionalizes the life of Camille Carmichael, an undercover FBI agent attempting to identify the stateside contacts of a faceless international rebel group suspected of trafficking conflict diamonds. “Love, lies, greed, and precious stones fuel the characters in *Black Diamond* and it’s sure to keep you entertained and on the edge of your seat,” Dixon shares. “And above all, I believe the story will resonate with readers because it dives into the life of a woman fighting to achieve a reasonable balance between her career and personal life.”

*Black Diamond* is scheduled for national release on June 29, 2010. Ja’Nese is available for print, radio, television, and virtual (website, blog, internet radio) interview. For additional information or to conduct an interview with Ja’Nese Dixon contact Dana Pittman at (832) 201-7278 or [mail@niapromotions.com](mailto:mail@niapromotions.com).

### **About Ja’Nese Dixon**

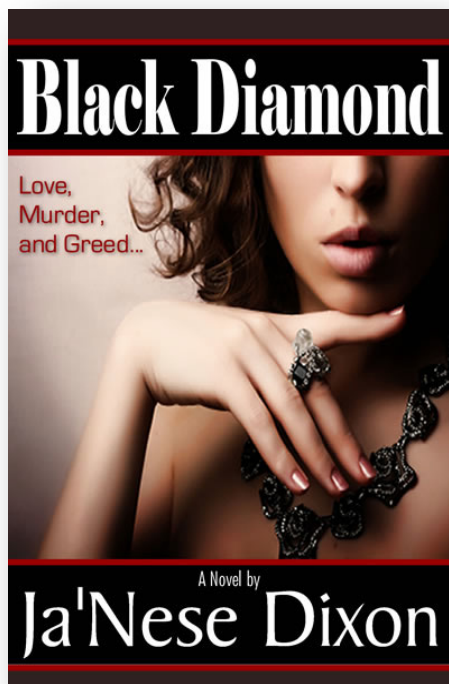
Ja’Nese Dixon is a small business marketer residing Houston, Texas with her husband and two children. She is an avid reader. She also loves to write, crochet, volunteer in several ministries in her church, and most importantly, spend time with her family. She is currently training for the New York City Marathon to benefit the American Heart Association.

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## BLACK DIAMOND



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Camille Blackwell, an undercover FBI agent, poses as a jewelry purchaser in an international diamond trading company in hopes of identifying the domestic players in a vicious rebel group suspected of trafficking conflict diamonds.

The Bureau requests CIA renegade Marc Fulton's assistance with sweeping international intelligence to identify the major rebel organizations with finances and stateside connections strong enough to evade criminal prosecution, despite Camille's objections.

Sparks fly when Marc and Camille meet, their attraction is instant and tense. However, both resolve to focus on the case. But when Camille receives an encrypted memory stick from a murdered co-worker Marc may be the only person she can trust.

*Black Diamond* is the eagerly anticipated debut novel by Ja'Nese Dixon. True love, like black diamonds, is rare and precious; but when murder and a persistent criminal threaten a frail relationship, can love triumph?

In a borderless game of cat and mouse, will a chance at *happily ever after* be thwarted at the deadly scheme of the faceless leader of the Imperial Dynasty?

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## ABOUT AUTHOR



**Ja'Nese Dixon** is an Oklahoma native living in Houston, Texas. She decided to quietly pursue her writing career by entering contests and ghost writing articles. After ranking in several contests, she began writing her first novel, *Black Diamond*, scheduled for release in June 2010.

Ja'Nese spends her days marketing small businesses and her night writing, but she frequently finds time to read, train for marathons, crochet, and volunteer in several ministries in her church.

Ja'Nese resides Houston with her husband and their two children. She is currently promoting her work in *Coffee Confessions* and *Black Diamond* while working her next book.

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## PROLOGUE

"Life is precious, dear, don't you think?" he said in a chilled tone that caused her blood to run ice cold through her veins. She clutched the phone to her ear, contemplating her next step. He was across the seas, nearly a day away by flight, *what could he possibly do to her?*

Pushing her thoughts aside, she refused to let her mind answer the frightening question left hanging, instead she refocused on his successful attempt to scare her into submission.

"Yes, I know life is precious. However, I strongly doubt whether you do," she responded. Ashanta Kenani was a proud woman, but pride would not solve her dilemma. She sat in her small condo, alone, near the edge of her bed with her shoulders back in mock courage. He had a way of making her feel like a child and finding ways to let her emotions overrule her common sense. Her mind could not process the scene fast enough to register the threat lying behind his words.

Ashanta pulled the phone from her ear as if it were poisonous as his light-hearted laughter floated through the air. His cryptic influence had transformed her life into a living hell. She knew all too well that he could fool almost anybody with his good looks and charm, but not her. Not anymore.

"Call it what you may, I promise you this, cross me and someone will die," he promised.

The following silence caused her more concern than his threat.

"But," he continued, sarcastically, "I doubt you will take my words seriously, with you being in the states and all. So let me send a message that translates well in any language. Would you hold, dear? Someone wants to speak with you."

Ashanta sprang to her feet and began to pace the floor. *Who could it be? The passing seconds felt like hours. What did she get herself into? How would she get out of it? And how many people were going to pay for her my stupidity?*

The muffled voices on the other end of the line caused her to lean closer into the phone, as if it would help her recognize his surprise guest. It helped. What she heard caused her eyes to burn as her determination melted into pure fear and then hatred.

"Don't...don't..."

Ashanta held the phone in a death grip, she recognized her mother's frail cries in the distance masked by the commotion of wrestling. Then the phone tumbled to the floor.

"Momma..." Ashanta screamed. She hoped her ears were failing her. *What was he doing with her mother?*

"Hello..." A strained voice seeped through the line.

"Momma?! Momma, what are you doing there?"

"Ashanta? Baby, I'm scared –"

"Shut up! Either do as I say or you'll lose more than your finger. Now, pick-up the phone and tell your daughter hello for us all."

"Don't, I promise..." Ashanta wanted to show him that she would comply with his wishes. "I promise I will do whatever you want, just leave my mother alone. Please...*please* don't do this."

Amidst the commotion, she could hear him laughing. The laughter was not one of mutual amusement, but of the devil-playing cat and mouse games. And unfortunately, she was the mouse...trapped.

*Sling.* The sound of metal sliced through the air. Tears began to stream down Ashanta's face.

“What was that? Answer me, damn it. Momma?” She screamed for her mother, for him, for anyone.

The line went dead.

Ashanta fell to the bed, letting her tears fall. *Who would pay?* She heard the question ringing in her mind as she stared blankly at the phone now buzzing in her hand. She took several deep breaths, attempting to slow her racing heart. The answer was clear, her family would pay the price for her ambition because he would harm her mother, her father, and even her young sisters if it served his purpose. She now knew her naivety and determination made way for her sealing a deal with the devil.

“Talib, you son of a bitch, this is not over...”

## READER'S COMMENTS

### **Strong Story Full of Developed Characters, Romance, and Much Action**

Chick Lit Gurrl

Rating 4 out of 5 stars

If you enjoy intrigue, thrills, romance, and fast-paced storytelling, then you owe it to yourself to check out Ja'Nese Dixon's debut novel, the romantic suspense *Black Diamond*.

In the novel, Camille Blackwell is an undercover FBI agent who must pose as a jewelry purchaser in an international diamond trading company to identify players suspected of trafficking conflict diamonds. When the Bureau requests CIA renegade Marc Fulton's assistance in the case, sparks fly immediately between the pair despite Camille's objections to Fulton's participation. Camille finds herself looking to Marc when a co-worker is murdered; he's the only person she might be able to trust in this case. The race is on for the pair to find the truth (and possibly love) before it's too late.

Dixon offers us well-developed characters immersed in a storyline that will keep you reading from the thrilling prologue (which FORCED me to keep reading) to the satisfying ending. There's enough spice and attraction between Camille and Marc to keep romance lovers reading, and there are definitely enough twists and turns and mystery to make the lover of action read to the end. I'm definitely looking forward to seeing what Dixon brings to readers next.

### **If you were going to buy one book...**

Linda Chavis

Rating 4 out of 5 stars

This is the one. JaNese Dixon has written a story that grabs your attention, with characters that I want to know more about. One of the characters Talib is one I hope she brings back as he has MANY stories to tell. The central character is an agent who gets caught up in drama while undercover, with folks around her who stay in trouble of some kind. I really enjoyed this book with its twists and turns and I think you will as well. ([Read on Amazon.](#))

## **Wonderful story by first time author**

Nanci Arvizu "Page Readers"

Rating 5 out of 5 stars

Black Diamond, the story of Camille Blackwell, working undercover for the FBI to expose the underworkings of the diamond trade, Ja'Nese weaves us a tale of love, trust, betrayal, murder and greed - all the things that make a story good!

Ja'Nese is a fantastic story teller, keeping the reader entertained with great character and scene development, all set in her home town of Houston, so we get to "see" the city as she sees it. Vibrant and alive.

Ja'Nese was kind enough to join me on Page Readers to talk about her book, and her work as a publicist for other fabulous authors. Find her interview at [...]. I'm sure you will enjoy hearing her talk about her work! ([Read on Amazon](#))

## INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

### **Please tell us about yourself and your books.**

I am a mother and wife. I started writing poetry in elementary school and it morphed into writing short stories. Later in life, I used my newly found love of Flash Fiction to reignite my love for writing. Now, a couple of years later, I'm the proud author of my first novel, "Black Diamond".

"Black Diamond" is about Camille Blackwell, an undercover FBI agent, planted in a distribution company suspected of trafficking conflict diamonds.

### **Where did you get the idea and inspiration to write Black Diamonds?**

I found myself fascinated with a black diamond jewelry set. At that time, I didn't know that black diamonds existed. I knew that I intended to participate in the Nanowrimo writing challenge. I wanted to write about a strong black woman trying to make in a predominately-male industry, hence the FBI. I used several months before the competition to research and outline.

### **Why did you decide to use Black Diamonds to explore the treacherous world of conflict diamonds, also known as "blood diamonds"?**

I wanted to write a book that entertained and educated readers. I recalled researching conflict diamonds and decided to do some extensive research. I came across a figure that stopped me in my tracks. The article estimated that only 85 percent of diamonds are accounted for. I thought...BINGO!

From there is making my content appropriate and embedded in my story.

### **With the FBI and conflict diamonds being the backdrop of this novel, how did go about researching information to make this novel more believable?**

I researched the CIA, FBI, NSA, international rebel groups, precious stones trading, diamond industry, just to name a few important threads. I used books, documentaries, the internet and I conducted a few interviews.

### **As an author, what is your writing process? How long did it take for you to start and finish Black Diamonds?**

I put a lot of time on the front in with my research, outlining, etc. I did this for about two months. I started writing and completed the first draft in about a month. I then

spent a couple of months with re-writes. Thus, from start to finish about four or five months.

**Who was your favorite character in your book and why?**

That's like asking if I have a favorite child. (smile) However, if I had to select one it would be Talib Kamwi. He's my villain, but his internal struggles and rough edge made him easy to write. I enjoyed it.

**What do you hope a reader will take away after closing your book?**

My hope is that readers will close the book knowing more about the plight of people affected by conflict diamonds and how our personal choices can adversely involve people around us.

**With so many books in the market, what sets your book apart?**

The lessons hidden between the covers. I did extensive research over international rebel groups, conflict diamonds, the diamond industry in South Africa and international legislation. But in the end, my book is about the characters and their attempts to live with their choices.

**What is something readers would be surprised you do?**

Crochet. (I know I sound so boring, but I'm not, I promise.) I love to crochet. I make afghans, hats, apparel, blankets, etc. Sometimes I pick up a needle, yarn, and crochet my cares away. It's a peaceful time for me and I love donating my pieces to my church, hospitals, and giving them as gifts.

**Can you give us a sneak peek of your next book?**

*Intoxicated* is my next book it's a story about Marques, a sexy R&B singer.

Aaron Carter, known to his adoring fans as Marques, is an acclaimed R&B singer and songwriter determined to reach icon status in the music industry without the interference of love.

Brione Alexander, a beautiful headstrong law student, is a pro at keeping men at a distance. Once bitten twice shy should be her motto. Time has shown her that men cannot be trusted!

A chance meeting between the R&B sensation and the relationship phobic sets in motion an electrifying union that can rescue both Aaron and Brione from themselves.

*Intoxicated* in the first story in my **Star Status** book series. You can read the prologue in the back of *Black Diamond*.

**How can readers get in contact with you? (mail, email, website)**

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