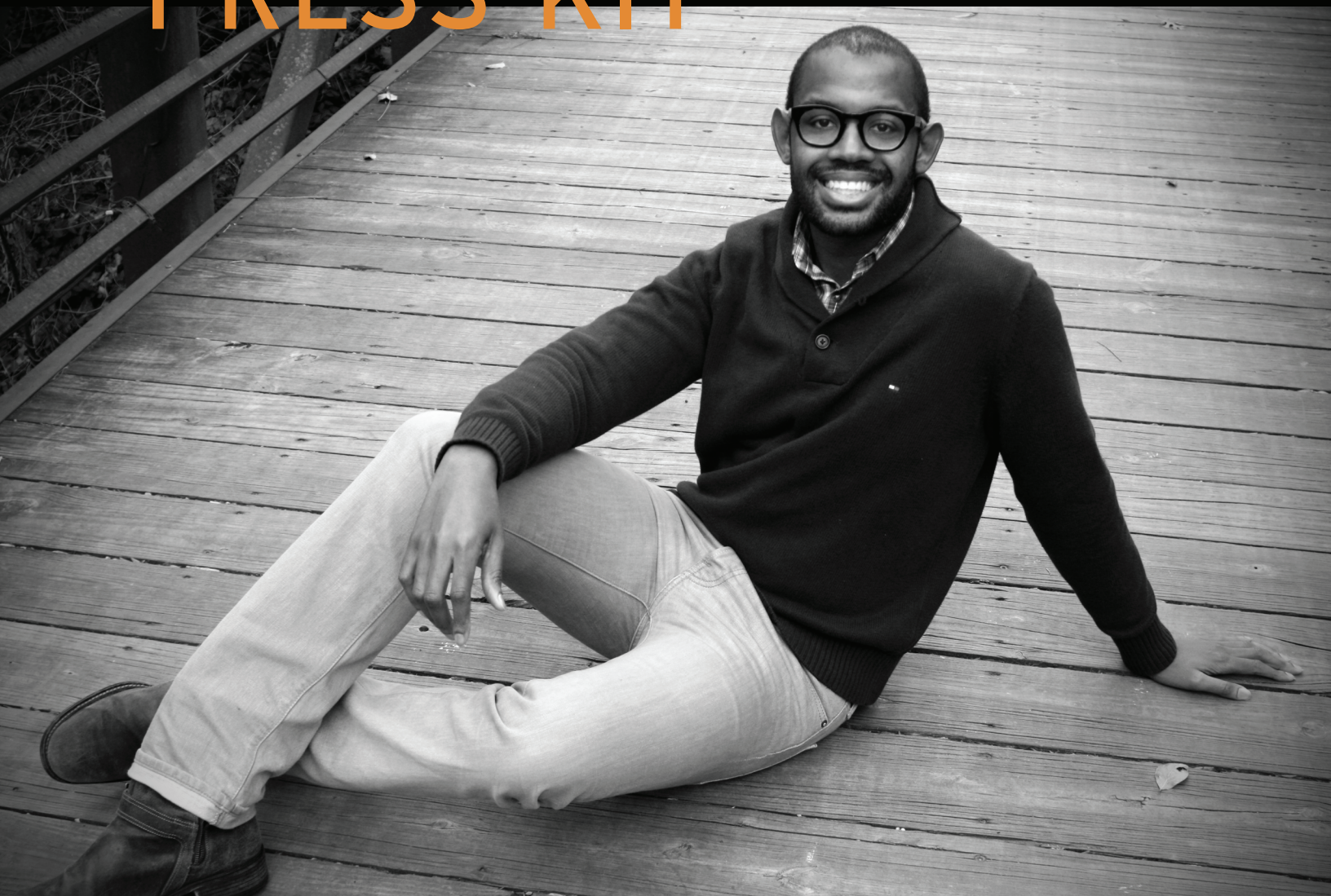


Darren Pierre, Ph.D.

Author of *The Invitation to Love*

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No other read has motivated me so much to look inward and consider my own insecurities both about love and life. As a person who too often suppresses the pain, complications and worry, *The Invitation to Love* opened my heart to the opportunity of self-reflection, and in that the unfolding of emotion, like a bud in spring. Darren's gift lies in his ability to speak so close to his own soul, a voice so pronounced as you read from chapter to chapter, you feel that he is seated beside you. This book will inspire you.

Michael Anthony Villasenor, Creative Director, The New York Times

TESTIMONIALS

Honest and inspiring, this gem of a book can change your perspective, attitude, and feelings about yourself and others. It awakens the heart for receiving and giving love.

Susan Friedmann, CSP. International best-selling author of "Riches in Niches: How to Make it BIG in a small market."

As a gay, black man from a broken home, Darren Pierre has experienced the feeling of not being enough, battled with self-esteem and relationship issues, and experienced love's pain, but he has also pushed aside resentment, found wholeness in forgiveness, and now shares his lessons about love with others. His courageous spirit, gentle soul, and words of truth will help heal your spirit and inspire you to re-embrace the beauty of life and all its possibilities.

Tyler R. Tichelaar, Ph.D., and award-winning author of *Narrow Lives* and *The Best Place*

This book is a treasure! It uses stories and personal examples to illustrate an extraordinary view of life and the relationships that make it worth living. When you practice the perspectives offered in this book, you will find your life greatly enriched.

Tracy Maxwell, Author *Being Single, with Cancer*

Powerful, Authentic, Clear, Accessible, Timely and Needed... Darren's work is for anybody who has ever wondered if they are enough. Darren's work offers a healing journey and creates the opportunity for folks to have a "Me Too" moment. The "Me Too" moment is the one that let's you know you are not alone. In a world with such suffering in isolation, this is a must read.

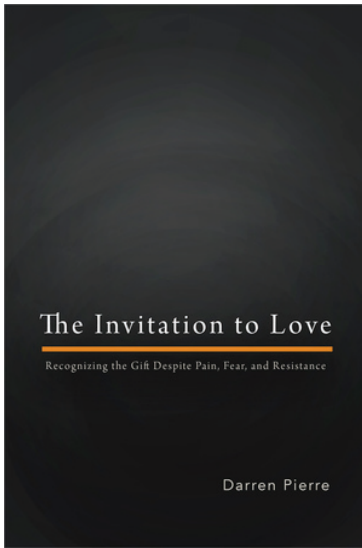
Dr. Jamie Washington, President, Washington Consulting Group

Darren takes the reader on a journey - like skipping rocks across a serene lake at dawn - leaving the reader to apply his own life lessons leading to being open to receiving and giving love.

Jessica Pettitt, Good Enough Now.com

Every now and then an event happens that makes you realize the true meaning of life. This book can be 'that event' which will completely change your entire perspective. This soon-to-be classic will remind you that love, in its purest sense, is truly a privilege and should always be honored, cherished and kept sacred. Get ready for your future to be forever altered as your relationships will never again be the same!

Patrick Snow, Publishing Coach and International Best Selling Author of *Creating Your Own Destiny*



ABOUT THE BOOK

The Invitation to Love is a compilation of short stories each illustrating the power of love if we are willing to accept it. The book chronicles one man's spiritual journey in practicing forgiveness, and recognizing love despite various barriers. The book is broken into three sections: Live in your truth; persevere; and have a healthy disregard for the impossible. In combination, these three tenets offer guidance to anyone who is committed to the quest of effectively giving and receiving love.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Darren Pierre, Ph.D., is a college administrator at the University of Chicago. His research largely centers on understanding the transformative power that derives from people having the courage to live out their truth. He has spoken across the United States on the ideals of integrity, authenticity, and living a life of purpose.

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