

Fresno-Raised Award-Winning Author Welcomes Publication of Book #2

JaNay Brown-Wood is a product of the Fresno Unified School District. As a child, she attended Aynsworth Elementary, Computech Middle School, and Sunnyside High School. Through her childhood experiences, she came to the realization that she enjoyed writing poetry and stories, and after years of hard work and dedication, she is excited to welcome her second book, *Grandma's Tiny House: A Counting Story*, into the world.

Grandma's Tiny House: A Counting Story is a rhyming picture book that counts from one to fifteen. It is intended for young readers so they can practice counting as well as cherish their own memories of fun-filled family gatherings. *Grandma's Tiny House* was inspired by the family celebrations of JaNay's past. She comes from a very large and loving family who always found a way to come together to celebrate the holidays and to enjoy each other's company. It has already received an excellent review from Kirkus and a starred review from *Publisher's Weekly*.

JaNay's first book *Imani's Moon*—a story about a young African girl who sets an impossible goal and despite naysayers and failures, perseveres and reaches her goal— has also received many accolades. It won the NAESP Children's Book of the Year Award, is a Northern CA Association of Children's Librarians 2014 Distinguished Book, a recommended pick on the "NYC Reads 365" 1st grade reading list for two years in a row, and a 2015 Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Multicultural Book. It has also been turned into an audiobook through Live Oak Media, and was selected as one of the best audiobooks of 2015 for Children and Families.

JaNay also writes poetry and has had poems published in *Highlights for Kids* and *Highlights High Five*. She is thrilled to continue to share her work with the community!

About JaNay Brown-Wood

JaNay Brown-Wood is a children's author and educator who loves to write. Her interests led her to UCLA where she graduated with her BA in Psychology and Applied Developmental Psychology, and then on to CSU Sacramento where she earned her MA in Child Development. Currently, she works as an ECE professor at American River College in Sacramento, and lives in Sacramento with her husband and high school sweetheart, Catrayel, and her beautiful daughter, Vivian.

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