

THE HOT BOOKS Black Writers Given Credit

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Charlotte has never been considered a very literary city, but a recent publication may change that.

Editor Mary Norton Kratt has compiled the works of Charlotteans who know how to make their mark with stories, poetry and dramatic portrayals.

Included in this new work, "The Imaginative Spirit," are the works of four outstanding black writers:

Asa Paschal Ashanti, Karen Jones-Meadows, T.J. Reddy and the late Diane Oliver.

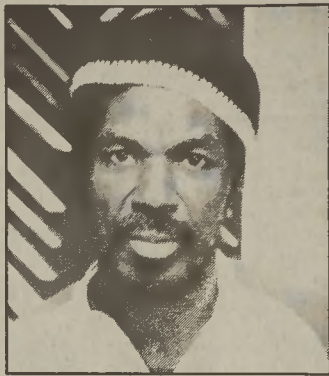
Ashanti has won the Gwendolyn Brooks Award from Black World for his poetry. He has drawn on his experiences as a missionary with the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and used the poverty of his hometown, New York as a backdrop.

Karen Jones-Meadows is originally from the Bronx, N.Y. She has been an actress and has contributed four plays to the stage. She likens her writing to "something positive about my people." Her most noted work is the play, "Tapman."

T.J. Reddy is a noted activist turned poet and visual artist. His work is made up of protest against racial injustice and the lauding of the Motherland, Africa.

Finally, the late Diane Oliver was just proving that she was to be a great short story writer. Unfortunately, she was killed before she could establish her reputation.

This book is a sampling of what Charlotte's black community has contributed to the community at large. From this perspective, there has to be more and better things ahead if this is any indication. The book is published through the Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.



T.J. Reddy



Karen Jones-Meadows



Susan Oliver



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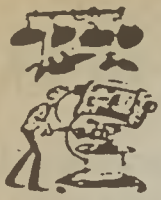
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