



A Treasure that Belongs on Every Shelf of American History

Ten women of faith who shaped history. All carved in ebony.

Jasmine Holmes—rising voice and contributor for The Gospel Coalition, Desiring God, Fathom Mag, MOPS, and Modern Reformation—brings readers the untold stories of ten historical Black women. Women who radically impacted our understanding of racial equality, womanhood, Christianity, and history.

Overcoming education, birth, privilege, and cultural barriers, these Antebellum-era women carried themselves as beacons of grace, virtue, devotion, and faith—knowing, despite the cultural landscape, that they were created in the image of God.

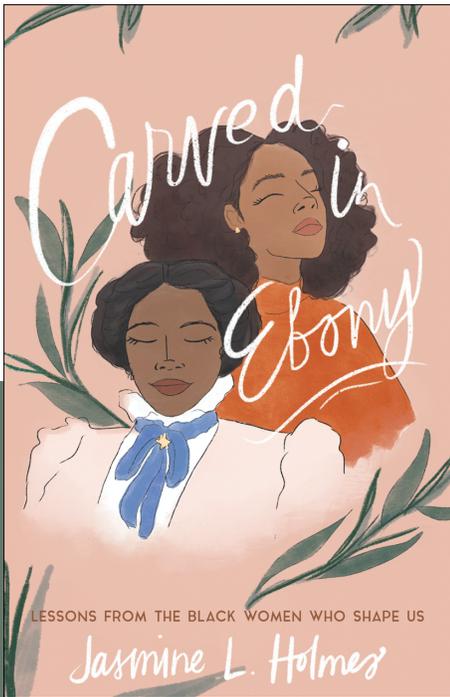
“Carved in Ebony is crucial reading for anyone studying the intersections of feminism and race, with or without a religious lens.”
—Publishers Weekly

Holmes explores biblical womanhood from an evangelical, non-White perspective, inputting her own testimony and connection to these women. With each story, she equips her readers to open conversations on Black advocacy, racial reconciliation, and biblical womanhood.

Taking readers past the white lens that seems to dominate American and church history, *Carved in Ebony* fills in historical gaps, paying homage to the exceptional lives and virtues of these diverse women.

ABOUT the Author

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SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Carved in Ebony: Lessons from the Black Women Who Shape Us

1. The title for your new book is captivating—*Carved in Ebony*. What does that title mean to you, and what does it mean for you personally to be “carved in ebony”?
2. Throughout the book, you mention several well-known historical Black figures like Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth. And yet, you focused on some lesser-known groundbreakers. Why did you choose to highlight the ten women in this book?
3. Tell us more about one of the women in this book. What made her special to you?
4. What is the biggest takeaway you want your readers to learn from these historical women?
5. In the book, you say that one of your favorite things about Black women is their willingness to be advocates. How can Black women today continue to be advocates for racial equality and biblical womanhood?
6. What was something that surprised you during your research for this book?
7. You make a point to say that these women are imperfect and don’t pass every theological test. Why is this important to acknowledge? And what does this mean for our place in history?
8. Black History Month is coming up quickly. What is your hope or encouragement for Americans during February?
9. I hear the Youth Edition of *Carved in Ebony* will be out in Summer 2022. Tell us more.
10. Where can our listeners connect with you and get their own copy of *Carved in Ebony*?

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