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A Novel by

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When the non-violent Civil Rights movement came to a close and the Black Power movement emerged, a generation of leaders less tolerant and more aggressive took the stage. A young, brilliant Black woman at the top of her course, Najwa K. Jackson was among those leaders. That calendar year, history for all your students of Casperton University changed forever. 1974 would be the year that challenged the type and mental stability of Najwa Jackson as she attempted desperately to uphold both her identification as a Black girl and her sorority's principles. On the campus of Casperton University where racial tensions were extraordinarily high, Black students were labeled among their own as the part of the option or part of the issue. A senior at Casperton University and president of her sorority chapter of Omega Pi Alpha, Najwa was a force to be reckoned.



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Awesome read! She has big plans on her behalf senior year of university, particularly as it pertains to the sorority because she has been elected chapter president. There are additional books out there about sororities and none that I know around SGRho. The plot is not about us, in particular, but is an awesome story of honor, tradition, bonding and sisterhood. I only wish the sequel is usually available for purchase... I found *THERE IS a Spirit* to be a very well written book that told an excellent story. Sadie's story was sparsely dispersed throughout the book and while it was eventually resolved, I came across myself getting frustrated... *THE TRUTH of Sisterhood* *THERE IS A SPIRIT* is a poignant portrayal of college life through the early 1970's. It targets the unique experiences of African-US citizens attending a mainly white university throughout a amount of political and racial upheaval. The story begins in the early part of the hundred years when racial dynamics had been a lot more intense and also existence threatening. I am looking towards Kimberly's next publication! As a member of a Black Greek Organization.

Nevertheless, to find Sadie's full story, visitors must first move ahead several decades and meet up with Najwa Jackson, the main character. It's simply hard to place it down because you have to find out what happens next. I actually googled my sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, which book came up, thus of course my curiosity was piqued. While on the top she seems to have everything jointly, she deals with insecurity, loneliness and uncertainty about her future. As the tale progresses, we meet up with her friends, family and associates, get yourself a taste of Black Greek existence, and a glimpse of political issues such as abortion and racism. Reviewers MIGHT HAVE BEEN Better THERE IS A Spirit By Kimberly Noelle 349pp (2004) There Was A Spirit is defined in 1973 and tells the tale of Najwa Jackson, a college senior at the fictional Casperston University situated in Casperston, Ill. What she unearths rocks the university to its extremely core. Kimberly Noelle has ambitiously taken an approaching of age story and integrated earlier and present events while addressing relevant social and cultural issues. Because there have been therefore many layers to the story, there have been times when I found myself wanting to know how it would all fit together. The book did a good job capturing Najwa's uncertainty about her future and about role as a leader on campus. Furthermore, there were times when I felt the scenes depicting university and sorority existence were tedious, at times adding length, but not much else. However, I am happy I trapped with the publication because, ultimately, the story was heartfelt and satisfying. I love historical fiction and was interested in reading about university life in 1973.5) Reviewed by Stacey Seay of The RAWSISTAZ? Najwa's penchant for background her desire to find out more about Sadie's life and part as co-founder of the sorority, bring about the discovery of a more complete look at of Sadie's life. (RAW Rating: 3. Except for a few references to Angela Davis, Patti Hearst and turntables the book really didn't deal with what was heading on in 1973 and instead focused on Najwa's trials and tribulations as the first choice of her sorority. I am generally an extremely slow reader and we read this reserve in two days. The book talked about the community service of the sorority, but overall, had the effect of playing into the negative stereotypes about Greek life instead of debunking the stereotypes. I truly appreciate this publication and would recommend it to anyone. There is a touching story about the founder of the sorority but I did so not think it was successfully woven in to the plot. The sacrifices of the founder just served to help make the actions of the sorority seem even more trivial. The author immediately piqued my interest in Sadie's story, but shifts and targets Najwa. To that end it may be enjoyed even more by high school or college students. However, the writer didn't do enough with the story line to produce a non-Greek adult like me care about Najwa or her sorority. 2 stars reviewed by misrich Great book!. Although it centered around Sorority existence, it isn't a reserve that non-greeks cannot relate to or enjoy. The drama, the suspense, the friendships, the blossoming love are all factors that anyone can relate to. And the way the book tied back again to relevant history of the sorority, the university and the city was very smart. Her complications leading the sorority if you ask me weren't reflective of the time period and the book could have quickly been set in the 80's or 90's. Najwa Jackson is attending Casperston University, and is a proud person in Omega Pi Alpha Sorority. Visitors are presented to Sadie Mae, one of the founding associates of Omega Pi Alpha Sorority. Geat Book THERE IS a Spirit was a wonderful book! The only period the sisterhood became the least bit concerned about that which was happening on campus was whenever a plan they hatched up negatively raised their profile on campus and they engaged in harm control by speaking out about injustices at the school. Her story is an interest grabber, and it immediately draws you in to the book. It hit the nail directly on the head. I cherished it and can't await the next one!

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