



Contact: E. Marie Sanders

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Telephone: 910-671-9176

Cell Phone: 910-258-9345

Email: author@emariesanders.com

E. MARIE SANDERS SHOWCASES FIRST NOVEL DURING BOOK SIGNING

Self-Published North Carolina Author Shares Her Gift with All

Fourteen-year Robeson County, NC, resident E. Marie Sanders will host her first book signing on Friday, November 12, 2010, at the Reading Room in Lumberton beginning at 7:30 PM. Her debut novel, *To K(no)w Avail*, is available for purchase through Amazon.com, her website, www.emariesanders.com, Faith Tabernacle Christian Center Book Store in St. Pauls, NC (www.ftccenter.org), and through personal purchase.

To K(no)w Avail follows two young people, both Christians, who struggle with a mutual attraction to one another while striving to do their best in all areas during their freshmen college year. Avail's experience with the opposite sex never proved to be what she felt she needed in life, but it never stopped her from hoping for better. Shortly before she begins college, she starts dating Donovan, a high school senior who possesses every endearing quality that she desired in a suitor; he even agrees to wait to engage in sexual activities until they married. Not realizing the power of attraction and the difficulty with long distance relationships, Avail goes to Whitaker with wide eyes full of hope, eventually seeing the breathtaking Kyle. Also from Pittsburgh, Kyle attended a private boarding high school out of state. With all that freedom, he took advantage of it with the ladies even though he had Celeste, his long-term girlfriend waiting for him at home. He always questioned his shaky dedication to her and wanted to break up with her, but Kyle never did. Once he experiences the culture of Avail, he decides it's finally time to break up with Celeste and move on to a greater quest.

E. Marie began writing when she realized that her students were not responding to the required reading material for English I. At first, she took classics such as *Romeo and Juliet* and *Odyssey* and used story telling techniques often used in Native American culture to convey the literature orally. Then, she began to change them into modern day soap operas and sitcoms, allowing the students to become part of the material. Eventually, she shared stories birthed from her own imagination as well as real life experiences, and that's when a student inspired her to write. E. Marie remembers, "One day, one of my students told me (in addition that I need to go to Hollywood and become an actress!), 'Mrs. Sanders, you should write books. I don't even like to read, and I'd buy your books!' What a push that was! If I

-more-



E. MARIE'S FIRST SELF-PUBLISHED BOOK (Page 2)

remember correctly, I went home and wrote that night clear through the next morning... and I took the next day off from work. I finished the first part of *To K(no)w Avail* that quickly and decided to start using what I wrote as lessons for writing in the classroom and to teach critical literary elements my students had to master for the state test.”

That day transformed the way she taught in the classroom and helped develop *To K(no)w Avail*. Everyone is cordially invited to the signing, where there will be light refreshments, give-aways, and door prizes. Books will be for sale for \$20 (cash, check, and debit/credit cards will be accepted), and E. Marie will be available to sign copies. She along with a guest will also conduct a reading of one of her favorite parts of the book.

#

If you'd like more information on this topic, need a picture of E. Marie, and/or would like to schedule an interview with E. Marie Sanders, please call Eric Sanders at 910-258-9344 or email Eric at yopastor_ftcc@yahoo.com.