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## Debut Novel: **Joy Comes in the Mourning**

Is it possible to find the path to peace and forgiveness when all hell is breaking loose in your life?

*Joy Comes in the Mourning* follows the story of Tonya Monroe, a young woman who lost her mother at the hands of a drunk driver when she was only 14 years old. Tonya's tragedy was compounded by the revelation that a close family friend, Carolyn Wright, the novel's secondary character, was responsible. Dealing with the death of a loved one is never easy, no matter how old you are. But nothing could have prepared Tonya for the truth Carolyn unearths about her mother's death or the devastating blow life dealt her in the form of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus.

While a work of fiction, *Joy Comes in the Mourning* deals with real struggles and challenges in the daily life of a lupus survivor.

Although according to the Lupus Foundation of America (LFA), more than 1.5 million Americans have lupus, Johnson had no knowledge of the potentially disabling and life-altering disease before her diagnosis in 2005. After experiencing first-hand the diseases ravishing health effects, Johnson knew she had to do something.

"I am most passionate about my faith, reading, and writing, so when the LFA asked the lupus community to join them in bringing additional attention to the disease, I knew I would write a book," she said.

Each copy purchased helps those living with lupus because a portion of the proceeds go to the LFA DC/MD/VA Chapter. The LFA has given *Joy Comes in the Mourning* its "Seal of Approval."

*Joy Comes in the Mourning* encourages readers that "all things work together for good to those that love God and are called according to His purpose." The book is available at bookstores nationwide, or at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, tatepublishing.com, and other online booksellers.

For more information about Korika or her debut novel, *Joy Comes in the Mourning*, visit [www.korikajohnson.com](http://www.korikajohnson.com).



## Hot Topics

- Forgiving yourself and others
- Hopelessness
- Restoration
- Coping with a chronic illness



## Interview Questions

1. What inspired you to write *Joy Comes in the Mourning*?
2. Who are the main characters and which one do you relate to most?
3. What did you hope to accomplish by writing this story?
4. Who would this book really "speak to" and why?

## Meet the Author

Korika L. Johnson is a servant, wife, mother, daughter, friend, avid reader, inspirational fiction author and lupus survivor, who is committed to giving God glory through stories of hope, and helping spread lupus awareness and further research for the cure.

It is her desire, through her writing, to be a light before men. Drawing from her own past experiences of depression, rejection, and loneliness, her message is of the pursuit of holiness and happiness that can only be reached by following the perfect example - the Lord Jesus Christ.

Korika resides in Maryland, with her husband and their two beautiful daughters.

## The Book

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