



Rebekah L. Pierce

Rebekah L. Pierce is an avid playwright and author with her works focusing on contemporary women and their search for purpose and identity. Her mission is to empower women through the arts and advocacy. She received her MA in English with a concentration in Literature from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2002. In 2006, Mrs. Pierce placed as an alternate in the 2006 Virginia Commission of the Arts Playwriting Fellowship for her works, *Perfect* and *The Myth*. Rebekah Pierce has been writing and teaching English literature for over sixteen years. Her first novel, *Murder on Second Street: The Jackson Ward Murders* (2013), is a blend of history and fiction. The plot is set

during a very pivotal time in American history: 30 days before the infamous Black Tuesday, October 29, 1929 in the historic Negro neighborhood of Jackson Ward in Richmond, Virginia. In December 2014, Pierce released a new historical fiction novel also set in Richmond in 1862 called *The Secret Life of Lucy Bosman*. The novel tells the story of a former slave mulatto named Lucy Bosman who risks her life to claim her inheritance at the height of the Civil War.

Over the years, Rebekah has also written and directed several award winning full-length and short plays several of which have been performed on Off-Broadway. In 2016, she released the docu-short film based off of *Murder on Second Street* entitled, *Black Wall Street: The Money, The Music & The People* (www.blackwallstreetthemove.yolasite.com) as the first film project for RLP Productions (see below). The film blends documentary-style narrative featuring historic places and sites in Jackson Ward with the fictive thriller storyline of the novel.

In 2013, she opened The Pierce Agency, a literary and publishing services agency that works with aspiring and emerging authors and playwrights in bringing professionally edited and designed works to the market. In 2016, she merged that company with RLP Productions, a production company dedicated to educating and entertaining the general public on the social, political and economic context of African American and American history via film, theatre and other various artistic mediums. In 2017, RLP Productions, along with its partners, released its first webisode, “The War at Home.” The aspiring TV drama series follows the journey of combat soldier, Sargent First Class Belinda Oglesby on her return home to fight another kind of war: the fight to regain custody of her children, her health and her career. Follow the webisode series at <https://youtu.be/kSFPW56LR3g>.

Rebekah speaks on a variety of empowerment topics for corporations, nonprofits and private entities some of which include:

Inspirational/Motivational Topics

- Intrapersonal Intelligence: Kryptonite Killed Superwoman
- Get This Story Out of My Head: 5 Tips for Putting Your Story on Paper
- Stepping Out on Faith When the Odds are Stacked Against You
- Creating a Legacy in Business & in the Community
- Taking Care of Self Inside & Out



- Reclaiming Your Joy: The Journey to Personal Spiritual Transformation, and much more
- Networking 101: Taking Your Career or Business to the Next Level

Academic Topics

- The Gospel of James Baldwin: The Journey to God's People
- History of African American Publishing
- Black Faces and Spaces as Subject: Modes and Delivery of Presentation in Theatre & Literature
- Jazz Hands: The Transfer of the Excitement for the Subject from Teacher to Student
- Rhetoric of 20th Century Artist in the African American Community: The Harlem Renaissance, the Black Arts Movement, and the Rap/Hip Hop Culture
- Critical Thinking Skills: From the Classroom to the Boardroom

An African-American military veteran and prevailing entrepreneur, Mrs. Pierce knows her purpose is to give a voice to women from all walks of life through her plays and publication. She is also a former radio talk show host, motivational speaker, English teacher, wife and mother.

Speaker Fees

5 – 45 minutes	\$375
1 hr – 2 hrs	\$550
2hrs – 4 hrs	\$775
*8 hours	\$1000

***Note: Rebekah Pierce requests to be able to sell her products at an assigned table for the hour before and after speaking time if the occasion permits.**

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