



BEFORE EMPIRE: RAISING BRYSHERE "YAZZ THE GREATEST" GRAY

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This exclusive look into the life of celebrity mother, Andria Mayberry gives the world a glimpse into raising one of Hollywood's hottest up and coming stars. Going back to her days as a young, single mother, Andria takes us on a journey through the dangerous streets of Philadelphia raising Bryshere "Yazz The Greatest" Gray and her daughter, Brianna. What could have easily been just another statistical story turns into a moment of triumph. This single parent discusses raising a child with ADHD, having to escape an abusive relationship and dealing with the ups and downs of raising a fatherless son in a cold world.

Today, Bryshere is a star on Fox's number one drama series, *Empire*. His mother still maintains her full-time job in the medical field, giving the patients the same love and care she has given her children. As a driven parent, she opens up about her dark nights of pain, depression and anxiety. Andria shares how she dealt with giving her daughter the attention she deserved, while focusing on her son's ADHD and career. With insight into the world of being a celebrity mother, this book is sure to encourage others raising a child with a disorder.

Written with bestselling author Mya Kay of *The Clover Chronicles*, *Before Empire: Raising Bryshere "Yazz The Greatest" Gray* is an inspirational true story of a single mother not allowing anything to deter her from pulling the inner star out of her child.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Andria Mayberry, a Philadelphian, is driven parent and entrepreneur who has worked in the medical field for over two decades. She is a first-time author and tells a story of her struggles while raising two children as a single parent.

Mya Kay Douglas, born and raised in North Philadelphia, is a bestselling author, speaker and literary coach who believes everyone has a story to tell. She has been honing her craft since she first discovered her calling for writing and publishing ten years ago. She has published eight novels and a non-fiction guide, *Don't Time Your Masterpiece, Take Time to Write It: From The Inside Out*. Her first book signing for her young adult novel, *A Song for Jordan*, was held in Atlanta at Barnes & Noble, one of the toughest chains to get noticed as a self-published author. She has published five books in seven months, two of which were #1 for three weeks worldwide on Amazon. Mya Kay is currently signed to The TMG Firm as an author.