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Having your ideas encapsulated in print is new for international wunderkind, Celi Marie Dean, who recently launched a new tier to her incomparable resume as a book author. Dean, who is well known for her reign as Miss Black USA 2005-2006 and for publicly speaking to women and children about self-love and the pursuit of their dreams, is thrilled to see what was once an idea now a reality after the release her first novel
Recommitted: It's Never Too Late
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"As a former Miss Black USA, model, and public figure, I was meeting several women who would open up to me and share their stories about hurt, disappointments, insecurities and struggles with sex and relationships. As these women would share their stories, I also would begin to share my experiences and many of them would be shocked because there was this idea that because I was a Miss Black USA and had accomplished some great things, then I must have had a perfect life or at least had no trouble when it came to confidence or relationships," Dean shares.

"So, one day in 2008, during my prayer time, the title *Recommitted: It's Not Too Late* and the idea to write a book came to me. From there I continued to encounter women who would share

their stories with me and so I decided to just tackle writing this book in hopes of my testimony being used to give God glory and encourage other women," said Dean.

The book chronicles Dean's personal transition from being entrapped by feelings of unworthiness, former hurts, sexual desires, relationship woes, and low self esteem, to her transformation into a strong, independent, god fearing woman.

Dean, who has an array of prominent titles and accomplishments under her belt --inclusive of her role as the Goodwill Ambassador of the Republic of the Gambia and a board member of the non-profit Community Aid Liberia-- is using her experience, and her compassion for serving the public to reach her audience on a different medium through the use of transparency in an effort to get women and men to recommit themselves to making life changes. In essence, the book is merely a reflection of her day-to-day practice teaching individuals to love themselves and strive for more.

Dean also works with the production company End Time Harvest Entertainment, where together they produce faith-based feature films geared towards illustrating the taxing road between struggle and redemption. Their latest film, *Boys Cry*, currently in production, highlights the no bullying movement, and seeks to be a visual solution to overcoming the continued problem children face. For More info on *Boys Cry* or to donate to the production visit: www.boyscrymovie.com

Recommitted: It's Not Too Late is available at online retailers. Already receiving rave reviews for its enriching and timely messages, *Recommitted* stands a great chance at being earmarked as one of this year's most distinguished necessities.

For more information on Dean and her book visit: www.celimariedean.com