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Readers to Experience a One-of-a-Kind Hip-Hop Gospel

New book follows a young man's inspiring adventure from the small town church to Las Vegas spotlights

South Bend, IN – May 24, 2010 – Author C.L. Austin inspires readers to have dreams and reach for them as he weaves heartrending tale of soul-searching, hope, and determination in *CHOIR BOY*, his new book published through Xlibris.

Sonny Brooks is on his way to stardom, or at least that's how he would like to think. One of the two sons of the distinguished Rev. Raleigh Brooks, Sonny simply loves singing. He does not care much about other things, but singing is a passion he dreams he could be well known with. In the church, his upbeat yet moving music is one of the factors that invite churchgoers. Despite the admiration he is receiving, Sonny knows in his heart that he does not belong in a humble town; that he needs to be somewhere else, somewhere he can pursue his dreams of becoming a star, somewhere like Las Vegas.

The unexpected death of a dear friend prompts young Sonny to stop daydreaming and start moving. He bravely asks his father for his college fund, asks for his blessing, and hastily packs up for Las Vegas. But along with the promise of the bright, shining city are temptations of drugs, alcohol, and sex. How much is Sonny willing to trade for his dream? *CHOIR BOY* follows the young man as he struggles to conquer obstacles and braves every obstruction to succeed in his goal. It is a poignantly crafted story that will convey to readers an important message of faith, hard work, and prayers.

About the Author

C.L. Austin aka Clyde L. Austin Jr. was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana, him being the fifth of nine children. He wrote his first short story, *The Land Of The Unborn Dogs*, when he was in the sixth grade. Over the years, he has told many stories while in high school and serving in the military to entertain his army buddies. After the military, he told stories to children when he was a day-camp counselor in the early eighties. In 1988, Austin answered the call of God and entered the preaching ministry. Right away, his ability to tell stories and his sermon writing revealed the talent that was tucked away. In 1993 after being in the preaching ministry for five years, Clyde entered college and earned a B.A. degree in Bible and Ministries from Bethel College, a liberal arts college in Mishawaka, Indiana. He discovered that the Gospel message of Jesus cannot and should not be limited to the pulpits on Sunday mornings packaged in three point sermons.

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