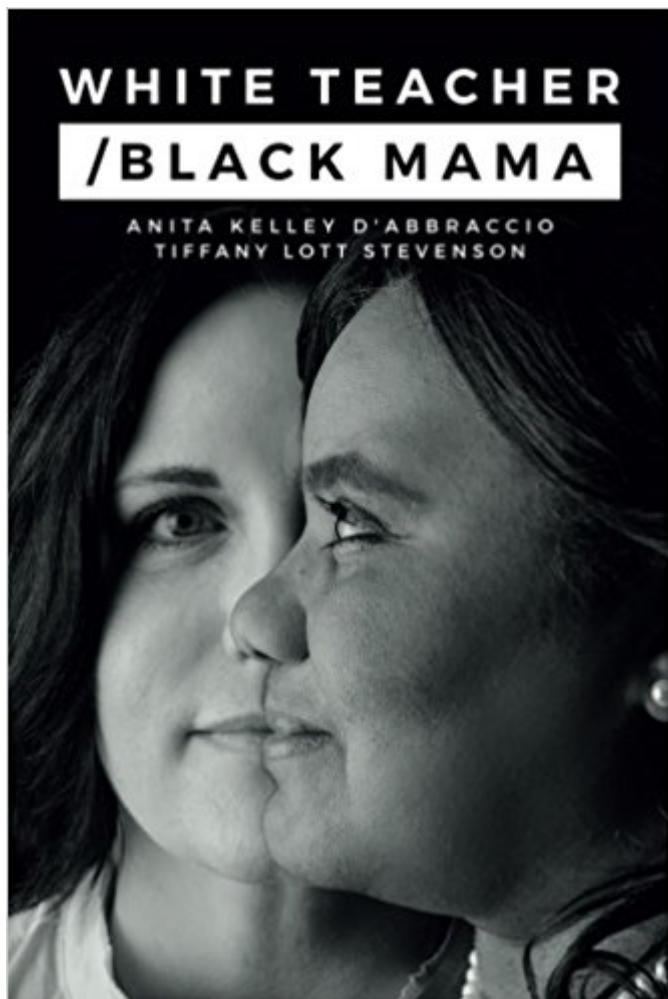


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# White Teacher/Black Mama



## **Synopsis**

Before she got the phone call, Tiffany Lott Stevenson was at the end of her rope. Her son Oscar was having major behavioral problems in school. No one was willing to help. Instead, the white teachers and administration were all ready to write Oscar off as a *troubled black youth*. Tiffany was sure that his newest teacher, Anita Kelley Dâ™Abbraccio, would be exactly the same. When Anita finally called, Tiffany was sure she too was giving up on Oscar. Instead, Anita proposed a different solution. She wanted to work with Tiffany to come up with an action plan to address Oscarâ™s issues and change some of his troubled behavior. As the two women began meeting to discuss Oscarâ™s progress, something amazing happened. They became friends. The two bonded based on their shared Christian faith and experiences as mothers. Tiffany wasnâ™t the only one who needed help with her family, and the two promised to be there for each other through the troubled times ahead. In this heartwarming memoir, both the *white teacher* and the *black mama* show what this friendship has meant to them and how their bond has helped them through times of extraordinary hardship.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Anita Kelley Dâ™Abbraccio is an educator specializing in helping children with severe emotional and behavioral disabilities. She uses positive behavioral techniques and a deep sense of empathy to help students coping with trauma, neglect, abuse, and poverty. Nothing makes her prouder than seeing a classroom of children slowly create a brighter future for themselves. Dâ™Abbraccio has a masterâ™s degree in teaching. She is also an accomplished public speaker and facilitator. She is a devoted wife, proud mother of four, and enthusiastic Green Bay Packers fan. Tiffany Lott Stevenson

used her strong Christian faith to help her overcome extreme poverty. She is currently studying early childhood education at Grand Canyon University. Lott Stevenson has eight children. One who had special needs that brought her into contact with Anita Kelley Dâ™Abbraccio. Lott Stevenson enjoys cooking, volunteering with her church, and spending time with her husband, children, and extended family.

This book made me laugh and cry, but most of all it made me think about the great gifts God has given me. No, we aren't rich but we have clothes on our back, a roof over our heads and food for the table. And we have our faith! Thank you for a reminder that we are truly blessed and even in the worst of times, we can be a blessing to others. And if we just trust in God, He will answer our prayers in ways we would never imagine.

I enjoyed this book very much. The authors take you on a journey through two very different families led by two very strong women. An emotional, honest look into their lives as they celebrate success, mourn loss, laugh and embrace differences, learn to trust, and tap into any and all resources for their students and children. The Ã¢Â^Lessons LearnedÃ¢Â™ after each chapter were a nice breakaway.

A must read! This is such a well done, unique and excellent read. It will make you laugh and cry, and these ladies will teach you lessons that you never even realized you needed to learn. I loved it, cover to cover. This is the first review that I have ever written, that is how strongly I feel that everyone should read this book!

This is a very inspirational heart warming true story. Its starts out about a white special ed teacher who helped teach a very behavioral challenged black 5th grade boy. The story quickly turns into a fantastic friendship, between this white teacher and the boys black mama that has lasted about 10 years. It covers issues that both of these woman faced with there own families. I highly recommend this book to everyone, but especially to all special ed teaches and the families who need their services.

This is a wonderful book with so many important messages of what is truly important. Both Anita and Tiffany are remarkable woman. I admire their faith, love of family and dedication to their careers and education. I couldn't put the book down.

A must read! So inspirational! The two women have such a strong faith! Once I started the book I couldn't put it down until I finished it!

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