

# Book Bag

## ■ NO WOMAN NO CRY My Life With Bob Marley

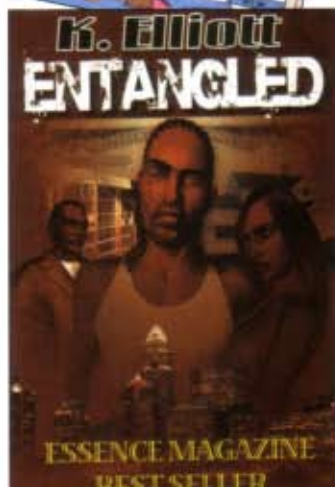
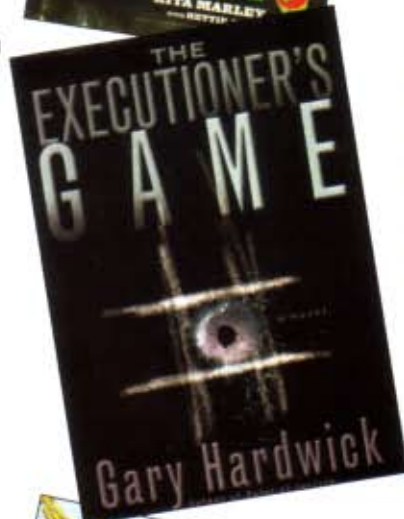
By Rita Marley with Hettie Jones  
Hyperion

It has often been said that behind every strong man stands an even stronger woman. In that case, it is our pleasure to introduce you to Rita Marley, the wife and inspiration behind reggae legend Bob Marley. As his band member, business partner, musical collaborator and of course lover, Rita knew the man behind the music and loved him despite his wandering eye and various mistresses. Her in-depth biography humanizes Marley, a man who has lived on as a prolific presence in the modern day music scene despite his death over 20 years ago. From humble beginnings as a local Jamaican singer to chart topping success as an international superstar, Rita chronicles the rise and icon status of the man many cried over but no one will soon forget.

## ■ THE EXECUTIONER'S GAME

By Gary Hardwick  
Harper Collins Publishers

"When executing an assignment, an operative must place the success of the mission above all other concerns, including the lives of the nonoperatives, cooperatives and the operative himself." In this gritty urban thriller, Luther Green is that operative, a street tough government assassin, with instincts so killer they just may end up getting him killed in the process. For more than a decade, Green has traveled the world eliminating America's enemies with a deathly proficiency. But in his latest assignment, Green finds himself on a mission to assassinate Alex Deavers, the very man who trained him. Green then spirals into a cat and mouse game shrouded in mystery, deception and betrayal until a pulse racing climax forces Green to seek answers from the man he has been ordered to kill.



## ■ HOUSEBROKEN: There's A New Dawg In Town

By Steve Watkins  
Andrews McMeel Publishing

Ever wonder what would happen if an ex-rap star lost his fortune and was forced to move into a middle-class household? He's flat broke, still attempting to maintain his multi-million dollar lifestyle and the best part is, he's a dog. If this life's mystery has bogged your mind, look no further than *Housebroken: There's A New Dawg In Town*, a hilarious comic strip that chronicles the escapades of DJ Dog as he moves in with the Watsons, an African American suburban family. Anxious attorney and father Thurgood, outspoken mother Leslie, over-achiever, daughter and nine-year-old business woman Mya and imaginative seven-year-old son, Malik are the browner version of the yellow Simpsons. Author Steve Watkins, a Yale University Law School student, peppers his comic strip with social awareness and commentary on many of the stereotypes facing African American families today. His poignant jokes remind us that in this dog-eat-dog world, it always helps to laugh and of course, be housebroken.

## ■ ENTANGLED

By K. Elliott  
Urban Lifestyle Press

The story of Jamal Stewart is a common one. Recently released after a five-year stint in prison on drug-related charges, Stewart is presented with the daunting task of finding employment with the stigma of a criminal record looming behind him. Faced with a dark future, Stewart turns to the world of drugs, violence and unprotected sex—the world he knows best. But when Stewart meets Dream Nelson, a middle school teacher with thoughts of making Stewart an honest man, he is torn between the lure of his past and the love of his future.

K. Elliott, formerly broke, homeless and incarcerated, definitely knows his subject matter. He brings an honest portrayal of the gritty reality of a life on the streets. Selling 25,000 copies independently and landing a coveted spot on *Essence Magazine's* Best Seller List, *Entangled* will have you entangled in a classic love story gone to the streets. **BB**