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About the Author of *Detroit: The Black Bottom Community*

Jeremy Williams, 41, is a native of Detroit. His parents migrated from the south and eventually settled in Detroit's Black Bottom Community. Once, his mother spoke of the time his father had taken her to Black Bottom's famous Flame Bar to see Billie Holiday perform.

A graduate of Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI, Williams is currently pursuing a Master's degree in African American Studies. While an undergraduate student he studied under noted Detroit historian, Dr. Richard W. Thomas whose Detroit history seminar class fostered Williams' interest in the history of Black Bottom. With very little resources and reading materials on Black Bottom history, Williams was determine to write one of the first exclusive books on Detroit's Black Bottom Community.

Williams is an active member of the Detroit Writer's Guild and is planning to write a play about Black Bottom. He also writes book reviews for *Push Nevahda Review*, as well as for various book review websites.

When not historical research, Williams does freelance writing, records music, reads, and enjoys cooking vegetarian cuisine. Williams is currently working on a second Detroit history book titled *The Detroit Urban League*.

Williams would like for readers to walk away feeling empowered and invigorated, especially considering this great and awesome moment in African American history. He says, "It's always a sense of great awakening, a feeling of encouragement, and a breath of fresh air when you read your history and can then compare it to today. It's amazing what the Black Bottom community was able to achieve back then, with little resources."

Detroiters are proud of Williams' book, and happy to see an important part of their history brought to focus. The older Detroit community - the senior citizens that actually lived in Black Bottom and have vivid memories of life in Black Bottom, were especially excited to finally have that important aspect of their lives documented and told. Williams says, "I think some of them are able to rest easier knowing that their story has been told, at last."

