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Chandra Sparks Splond is an editor, speaker and award-winning author and blogger. Her young adult novel *Make It Work* was named Alabama's Great Read 2017, *Spin It Like That* was chosen as a Popular Paperback for Young Adults by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), and *The Pledge* was a YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers. *Black Pearls Magazine* honored Splond as a Legends & Leaders for 2017 for her blog, *Book of Splond* (formerly known as *Magic City Momma*).

Splond is the owner of West End Publishing, LLC, and Live Life Creations, a personalized gift and party boutique. In addition to working for Kensington Publishing as the consulting editor for Arabesque romance, Splond has also done work for Random House, Moody Publishers, Kimani Press (formerly known as BET Books), and Hyperion. She has edited books for several *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Essence* bestselling authors. Splond has interviewed *New York Times* bestselling authors Karen Kingsbury, Kimberla Lawson Roby, Eric Jerome Dickey and actress Meagan Good. She has also worked for *Good Housekeeping*, *Black and Married with Kids*, *Brides Noir*, *Weddingpages*, *Newsday*, *The Morning Call* and *Romantic Times*.

Of all the titles she has held, Splond's most important remain child of God, wife and mommy. Splond graduated from Ramsay High School in Birmingham, Alabama, and the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa with a degree in journalism. She will receive her master's in secondary education with a focus on instructional design and technology in December 2017 from Samford University. Splond is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and resides in Birmingham with her family, and they are members of Forty-fifth Street Baptist Church.