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**A Lesbian Tale of Love and Betrayal, From Harlem to Miami and Back
Again**

Intimate Chaos, Cheril N. Clarke's third novel is available now!

New York, NY— From the moment Sadira spots Jessie on the subway, she is hopelessly in love. But a relationship with Jessie is never easy. Alternately encouraging and rejecting, Jessie spurns real commitment for reckless abandon, yet convinces Sadira to pull up stakes and relocate to a city that has traumatic childhood memories for Sadira. A serious accident, a roving eye and life and death consequences lead to chaos, *Intimate Chaos*.

Cheril N. Clarke knows sweet success and bitter defeat, both as a writer and as a woman. "*Intimate Chaos* is my testimony to women everywhere who fall in love fast and hard," says Clarke. "Women, me included, sometimes follow their hearts and ignore their heads, and in most cases end up with a broken hearts and a disillusioned mind. Sadira loves blindly and it costs her dearly."

A native of Toronto raised in Miami and now living in New Jersey, Clarke is the author of two previous novels, *Foundations: A Novel of New Beginnings* and *Different Trees from the Same Root*. Clarke has been featured in *Crain's New York Business* newspaper and she has also published poems and short stories in various literary magazines. She was a keynote speaker at an African Asian Latin Lesbians United conference and has performed at events organized by African American Lesbians United for Societal Change. In her spare time, she volunteers to New York Cares literacy and meal projects and the All Stars Talent Network.

Reviewers from around the country have been unanimous in their praise of Clarke's novel. "Clarke has done a remarkable job of sharing the story of love, that deep down feeling which causes its host to do anything, say anything, and put up with anything for the possibility of having that love returned to them," says Tee C. Royal of The Rawsistaz Reviewers. "Anyone who has ever loved someone, lost them, or been the recipient of unconditional love will be able to relate to this story."

Journalists: to interview Clarke and/or request a review copy, please contact Public Relations at Dodi Press at 212-726-1582, <pr@dodipress.com>

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-Quotes from lesbian periodicals and organizations from around the country-

"Clarke can write...*Intimate Chaos* is an interesting read, with lots of lesbian drama and a story line that keeps you engaged. A great summer read!"—Kathy Belge, Lesbian Life Columnist, About.com

"Finally! An honest, raw, emotional work that speaks to the heart of women everywhere! The story of Sadira & Jessie is full of complications, twists and turns and reflects the many complexities that make life and relationships exciting and heart-wrenching all at once!"— Lynne M. Womble, SABLE Magazine

"*Intimate Chaos* has set the standard in the way a story dealing with alternative relationships or any relationship for that matter should be written. The story takes you deep inside the lives of two women dealing with everyday problems we all face in relationships. If you love intrigue, drama, hot steamy sex, spirituality, strong characters, and did I say DRAMA you will love *Intimate Chaos*." —Lesley Hal, Author of "Blind Temptations"

"When reading *Intimate Chaos* you can't help but to reflect on your own relationships. From the euphoric and joyous feeling to the doubts and insecurity we all have experienced within our relationships. Truly enjoyable reading that keeps you interested and intrigued on what will happen next."—Tiye Lasley, Executive Director of African Asian Latina Lesbians United (AALLU)