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Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: Meredith Coleman McGee is seeking radio, tv, and other media opportunities

Please accept this media kit as a request to make an appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show to discuss my new book *Billie Holiday: Jazz Singer*, a biography which was released January 14, 2024. To date, I have penned 13 books. I chair Community Library Mississippi, operate a small publishing company, a writing service, manage a family investment club, and I host poetry contests and mentor poets.

Since last year, I was transformed from a fan of Billie Holiday into an expert on her extraordinary and challenging life. This work covers the life of Eleanora Harris, who also used the surname Fagan and Gough, from her birth in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to her childhood in Baltimore, Maryland, through her 30-year musical career, to her sudden death in 1959, in New York. Lady Day is a jazz god, who was a race woman, and an icon.

Howard Mandel, President, Jazz Journalists Association, gave a detailed book summary, "Meredith Coleman McGee's portrait of American icon Billie Holiday is intimate and unflinching, as it details her life and music in the context of 20th century race relations, drug use and abuse, rackets and the jazz business, and complicated relations with her family and friends. As an introduction to the great singer's place in history and the present, it's highly relatable to readers now."

I received book blurbs from music teachers at the Count Basis School of Jazz, Red Wood, New Jersey; the Billie Holiday Theater in Brooklyn, NY, and from blues and jazz society members/musicians. *Billie Holiday: Jazz Singer*, a textbook, includes eight chapters, and 64 historical pictures and images within 266 pages. My maternal family are natives of Kosciusko, Attala County, Mississippi.

Sincerely yours,

Meredith Coleman McGee

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