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Woman2Woman Social Group began in the year 2000 as a civically aware and socially active organization for women in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

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• Be Your Own Boss

By: Esther Coleman, Staff Writer

For many of us, owning our own business is a desirable, but lofty goal. Speaking from personal experience, my motivation to start my own business was as much out of necessity as it was out of a want to be in charge of my own career.

Below, I have listed a few common sense essentials to starting and maintaining a successful business.

Focus & Educate Yourself There are many entrepreneurial pursuits that you'd like to be involved in, but remember you're working for yourself so choose a business that you believe will be enjoyable and profitable. Educate yourself and keep abreast of the technology and innovations occurring in your field of business.

Market Effectively & Get Paid You are your best salesperson so be sure to talk up your business at every opportunity. Pay special attention to the prices you set for the products and services that you provide.

Comply with Statutory Regulations Regardless of the state in which you choose to establish your business, there will be several regulations you will have to comply with before holding yourself out as the owner of a business. It is important that you fill all required paperwork to comply with federal, state and local regulations.

And Most of all..ENJOY Although this will be one of the most challenging goals to accomplish, try to enjoy the lessons that you will learn while creating your own business. Good luck!

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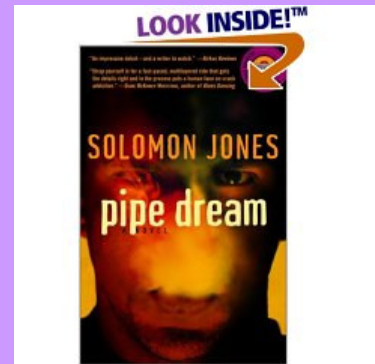
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• Book Review: Pipe Dream

By: Kelli Brown, Staff Writer

Pipe Dream is the story of four drug addicts pursued by police for a murder they didn't commit. A fast-paced, suspenseful tale, Pipe Dream is more than a crime novel. It is a love story that delves into the depths of addiction.



When Johnny Podres, a city councilman, who runs the Police Civilian Review Board, is found murdered in a crack house, the hunt begins for four drug addicts—Black, Leroy, Pookie, and Clarisse. The murder investigation threatens to explode into one of the biggest scandals to hit Philadelphia, but not everything is what it seems, and the suspects are not as easy to capture as the police had hoped.

Samuel Jackson, a.k.a. Black, a drug addict who knows better, is a man disillusioned by the fact that he can't seem to escape from his addiction to crack cocaine or, for that matter, from himself.

Though he was once a family man with a wife and son, Black's only concern these days is getting his next high, that is, until he runs into a friend and fellow addict, Leroy, and both become prime suspects in the Podres murder.

Black and Leroy hook up with two female pipers: Clarisse, a registered nurse who is slowly losing to crack any resemblance of a respectable life, and Pookie, who lost it a long time ago. Intense and spell binding, this story is set against the backdrop of corruption in the Philadelphia police department and centers on a group of drug addicts who, in the process of fleeing the law, come to terms with their own addiction, leading to some devastating consequences.

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