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These are some of the authors who've stayed connected with the Collective! Authors with underlined names have webpages.

Barbara Wright-Sykes - From the pen of an acclaimed author and local media personality comes **Good Loving Ain't Easy**

Men and women are redefining all the rules, because good loving ain't easy! Can a man be successful, handsome, sensitive and still be faithful to one woman? You'll find out when you read *Good Loving Ain't Easy*. Author Barbara Wright Sykes brings you a novel of love, fortune, family values and suspense. *Good Loving Ain't Easy* is an exhilarating read!

Martha Tucker - Author of **The Mayor's Wife Wore Sapphires**. The Mayor's wife, 36-year-old Indigo Tate, is educated, ambitious, drop-dead gorgeous and stuck in the ghetto. Each click of this half-ready little African-American princess' high heels echoes her desires -- Accomplishment! Social status! Respect! She is 1981's black bourgeoisie wannabe, but people don't know how strong she had to be to get as far as she did. Though she longs to live in Beverly Hills with the other "who's whos", the city charter requires her husband, the mayor, to live where he serves: Compton, California. There, crack cocaine, violence and drive-bys multiply like rats. It's the place where the mean streets meet the social elite, where nothing is as it seems.

Stephanie U. Johnson - Stephanie Johnson shares the inspiration behind her book **101 Ways for Wives to Satisfy Their Husbands**. This minister discusses her focus on building intimate marital relationships from a biblical perspective.

Levester Williams - Author of **The Adventures of Crunchy and Munchy Squirrel: Field Nuts**. One morning, Crunchy, Munchy, Squirrely squirrels went out to play in the fields. They chased each other and raced each other to see who could climb the palm tree the fastest. Then Frisky the cat showed up, and the squirrels had to run to the nut field! It was full of all the delicious nuts that Crunchy and Munchy's Mama told them never to eat... This delightful book for young readers teaches the importance of obedience and always doing what you know is right.

K. D. Greene - Every hard-working man and woman in America knows how K. D. feels. In their new book of poetry, **Too Much Like Right and Other Poems About Postal Life**, K. D. captures every aspect of working life -- the day that never ends, the uncomprehending supervisor, the difficult co-worker, even the recalcitrant vending machine! But K. D. takes you beyond the day-to-day, discussing such issues as terrorism and the anthrax scare and their impact on ordinary life. K. D. celebrates the invisible people -- the mail carrier your take for granted, the custodian whose name you don't know, the odd man who is actually a war hero -- and makes them visible. Her poetry celebrates us all.

LaRhonda Brown - Ordained Minister and new author LaRhonda Brown's book **Freedom From Bondage** has excerpts, affirmations, and a positive message for all going through the trials and tribulations of this cold world.

Tamy Hopkins - **Wacky Woody** -- a young boy who hails from the late 1800s -- gains a new superhero identity by drinking Miracle Water from the mythical "Horses Revenge" on the Rio Grande. The water transforms Woody into an avenging spirit who travels through time to the 1990s where he helps people who struggle with negative choices they make which sabotage their lives and bring unhappiness to themselves and those around them.