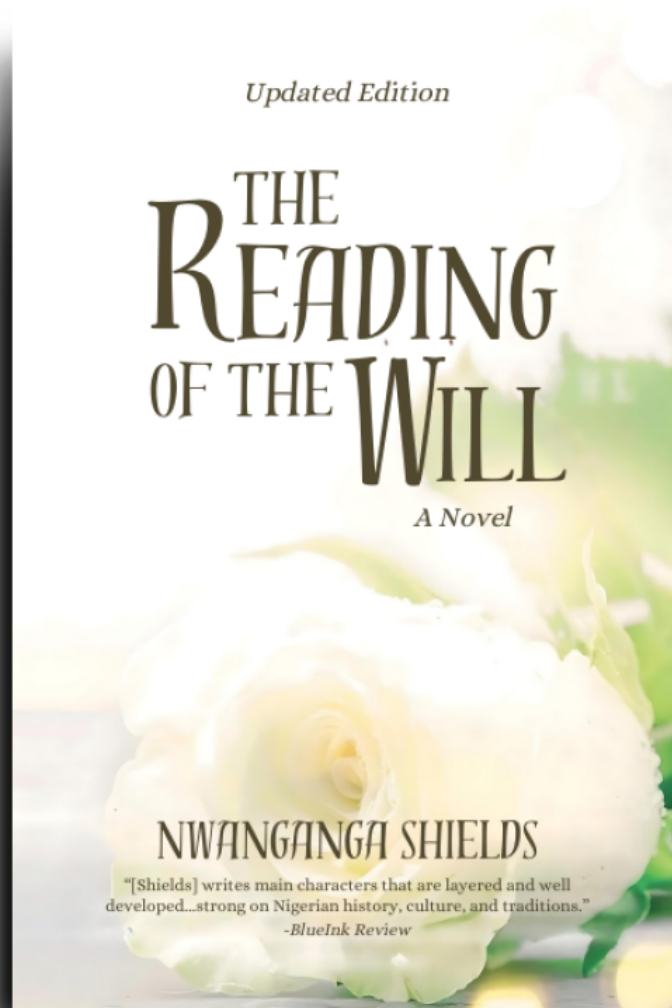


New Book Reveals Family Secrets and Tradition Amidst a Nigerian Matriarch's Funeral

A family torn apart by tradition and reunited by fate, a novel by prolific author Dr. Nwanganga Shields.



Vancouver, British Columbia Aug 7, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](http://www.Issuewire.com)) - Funerals are moments that often bring family members together. In Nigeria, the death of Nkechi, the family matriarch, forces her family members, who have not seen each other for many years, to reassess their relationships with her and each other.

In *"The Reading of the Will,"* Dr. Nwanganga Shields presents a fascinating narrative where Nkechi's funeral becomes the backdrop for an intricate exploration of family dynamics. Nkechi, unable to bear children herself, arranged for her husband to father six children with Onyeka, a girl she married. These siblings, meeting for the first time as adults, face the complex task of navigating their shared and conflicting histories. At the center of this tension is Ejituru, Nkechi's only biological daughter, who hopes to maintain family unity despite the divisions that her mother's death has revealed.

This novel explores themes of tradition, identity, and familial duty, bringing to light the deeply rooted cultural practices and the emotional confusion they can cause. Will Ejituru succeed in her quest to unite her family, or will the acrimony be too great to overcome?

BlueInk Review praises Dr. Shields, stating, "Shields writes main characters that are layered and well developed...strong on Nigerian history, culture, and traditions." The US Review of Books echoes this sentiment, noting, "The novel brings to light the important phases of family life."

Dr. Shields has dedicated *"The Reading of the Will"* to her late mother, Esther Mgboro Oti nee Eni, drawing inspiration from her own rich cultural heritage and personal experiences. Born and raised in Arochukwu, Nigeria, Dr. Shields is now a US citizen residing in Bethesda, Maryland. She is a retired World Bank professional, a widow, and a mother of four grown children, grandmother to eight, and great-grandmother to one.

Dr. Shields' writing is inspired by the works of Orhan Pamuk, particularly his focus on the lives of ordinary people. Her republished works include *"Tears and A Smile: A Love Story"* and *"Coming Back."*

"The Reading of the Will" is a vivid portrayal of Nigerian life, capturing the essence of family, tradition, and the challenges of forging unity. It is now available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other leading digital bookstores worldwide.

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