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Los Angeles, California Mar 20, 2026 (Issuewire.com) - A Powerful Literary Exploration of Race, Identity, and the Hidden Cost of Social Climbing

What happens when a mother's desire for status reshapes her child's destiny?

In *The Color of Pain*, Melisa E. Arnold crafts a gripping, first person coming of age novel that spans continents and exposes the emotional consequences of ambition disguised as love.

Set in Dangriga, Belize, the novel begins with Cathlean's calculated pursuit of a white British soldier stationed there. Determined to elevate her social standing, Cathlean marries the British soldier. Soon after, he takes Cathlean and her young son, Alex, to England, believing he is offering them a better life. While Cathlean flourishes in her new role as a society woman abroad, Alex quietly absorbs the emotional cost of her choices.

Years later, Cathlean insists on returning to Dangriga, Belize, eager to display her elevated status to those she left behind. For Alex, the return home reopens wounds rather than healing them. Seeking comfort and belonging, he falls deeply in love with Sherrette. Yet their passionate romance is shaken by fast moving revelations that threaten to unravel everything.

Through evocative storytelling and emotional depth, Arnold explores the psychological scars left by parental ambition cultural displacement between Dangriga, Belize and England the intersection of race, power, and social mobility, the fragile line between love and manipulation

The Color of Pain is more than a coming of age story. It is a reflection on inherited trauma, identity, and the silent burdens children carry when adults chase status over stability.

Early readers have praised the novel for its emotional authenticity and vivid portrayal of life in Belize, awarding it a five star rating and recognizing its bold narrative voice.

This is a story for readers who appreciate powerful family dramas, multicultural narratives, and emotionally resonant fiction that lingers long after the final page.

About the Author

Melisa E. Arnold is a passionate storyteller dedicated to exploring complex family relationships, cultural identity, and the human condition. Through *The Color of Pain*, she delivers a thought provoking narrative that bridges continents and confronts the realities of love, ambition, and consequence.

Availability

The Color of Pain is available in paperback, e-book and hardback through major book retailers worldwide.

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