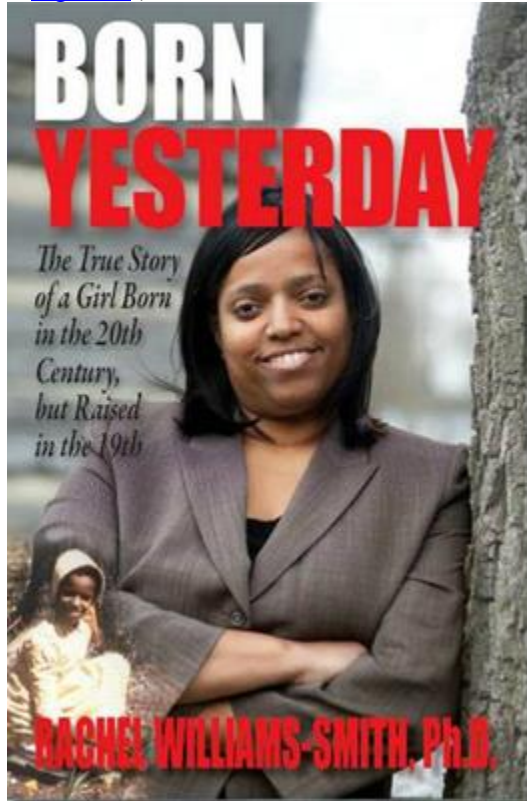


Williams-Smith to Present on Book

"Born Yesterday" details unusual childhood

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(Image courtesy of Rachel Williams-Smith)

Rachel Williams-Smith, chair of the Andrews University Department of Communication, will be discussing her book "Born Yesterday: The True Story of a Girl Born in the 20th Century, but Raised in the 19th" on Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall of Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Dowagiac. Copies will be available for sale at the event, and refreshments will be served.

The book tells the story of Williams-Smith's upbringing in an isolated southern environment in which her extremely conservative religious family lived as if it were the 1800s. She recounts her journey to normalcy and a new life, and the way that her faith in God helped her overcome familial dysfunction and religious extremism to become a balanced and happy adult. "I am looking forward to a chance to talk to people in the community," says Williams-Smith, "and my hope is that I can inspire someone to have faith and go on."

The book recently received the Associate Church Press's Award of Excellence for a non-fiction work. The book trailer, which can be viewed [here](#), won the Award of Excellence in PR/Marketing Video. Copies of "Born Yesterday" can be purchased at the Adventist Book Center in Berrien Springs, from Parable Christian Bookstore and Forever Books in St. Joseph, Michigan, as well as online from Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Today, Williams-Smith holds bachelor, master's and doctoral degrees, and is currently completing a second doctorate. She is married to a local professional tailor, and together they have four children.

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