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**Washington, DC Native Releases Debut Novel Based on a True Story With
Shocking Drama, Lovable Loyalty and Heart-Wrenching Facts**

October 8, 2012, Washington, DC—Street Fiend Publishing announces the release of *Once Upon a Time in Chocolate City: Son of a Street Fiend* (ISBN: 978-0-9881839-0-2, October 20, 2012), a biographical piece of self-discovery by newcomer, and Washington, DC native, Maurice Pittman.

A true story packed with shocking drama, lovable loyalty and heart-wrenching facts, *Once Upon a Time in Chocolate City: Son of a Street Fiend* takes the reader on an unforgettable journey, following the life of Maurice Pittman, a young child who never had the chance to enjoy the innocence or experiences that a normal child endures. Maurice is raised by his father, Johnny Pittman Jr., who has good intentions of raising his son in a righteous manner, but the path becomes a tailspin of turbulent times. Maurice is forced to learn the streets, dope-fiend schemes and accept the neglect of family members. He becomes a co-dependent of his father's addiction to the streets, drugs, women and money spending. When his father's transgressions catches up with him, Maurice is left alone and unguided; relying on the dark streets of Chocolate City for comfort. During his journey, he's faced with numerous adversities and obstacles. This story carries you through some of the roughest streets of Washington, DC through the eyes of a child raised in the shadow of an addict. Will Dad's street-fiend style rub off on Maurice Pittman the right way or turn him into a *Street Fiend* in the end?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A native of Washington, DC, Maurice Pittman is a brilliant author and community activist. He enjoys mentoring, counseling and providing victim impact outreach to the youth. *Once Upon a Time in Chocolate City: Son of a Street Fiend* is Mr. Pittman's debut novel based on a true story. His next published work is due to be released in May 2013. He resides in Maryland.

To schedule Maurice Pittman for book signings, interviews, events or speaking engagements, call 202-635-0360.

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