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Jennifer Dworkin (above center) has produced a documentary featuring Love Hinson and her family surviving in poverty in the modern urban environment.



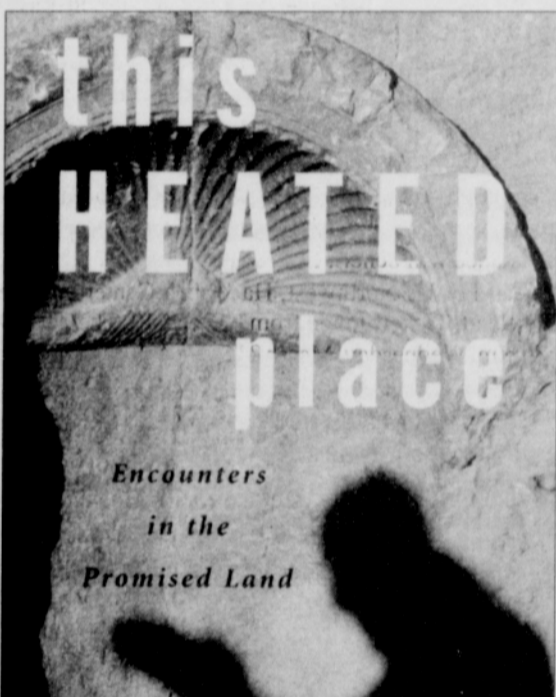
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Love and Diane, an Urban Portrait

Jennifer Dworkin's "Love and Diane" airs on PBS on Wednesday, April 21 at 9 p.m. in a spring edition of public television's groundbreaking P.O.V. series. "Love and Diane" puts a human face on the expression "cycle of poverty," which haunts many urban women and single mothers. The documentary follows one family through poverty, addiction, broken homes and a crack cocaine epidemic, which plagued many inner-city African Americans

in the 1980s. "Love and Diane" won the 2002 Gold Leopard Award at the Locarno International Film Festival, the 2003 MTV News Documentary Award and the Truer Than Fiction Award from the Independent Spirit in 2003.



'This Heated Place' Encounters in the Promised Land

Journalist and media critic Deborah Campbell traveled to Israel, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank to create an honest view of the conflict in the Middle East. "This Heated Place" tells her story. Campbell shows how both sides in this conflict are saturated in images, slogans and constructs from the mass media. Her book attempts to get beyond the media saturation and manufactured consent on both sides to show readers the real lives of non-combatants, civic leaders and dissenting voices. Campbell interviews the peace activists who continue to push for co-existence; the settlers who want no part in that; husbands and wives in the occupied territories who want a better life for their children and the youth who want to live like their peers in the West. "This Heated Place" is touted as a significant contribution to the understanding of the civilian lives caught up in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the media lens which continues to frame the war. The book, published by Douglas & McIntyre, is available now in paperback.

'Sunday Morning at Momma's House'



Robin Miller Ingram



Lynette Doreen Brown



"Sunday Morning at Momma's House" celebrates one of the most important African-American traditions — family mealtime.



Family's guiding force told through granddaughter's eyes

"Sunday Morning at Momma's House" is a book that celebrates the life of Ethel Lee Miller and one of many family traditions - Sunday morning breakfast. The story is told through the eyes of her granddaughter, eight-year old Robin Leigh.

The Miller family home was za

multi-family dwelling where Robin Leigh lived along with her grandmother, mother, and other family members. Momma, the family's guiding force, set the tone for everything that was done and for everyone who followed. Mealtime was the time of day where all the family gathered to share strong Christian and family values which was evident in all that she said and did.

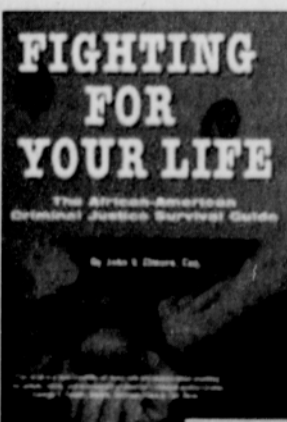
Although the beautifully prepared breakfast, that featured ev-

erything from homemade rolls to country ham and every Southern comfort food in between, was a major part of the Sunday experience, Momma made sure that the most important factor was never forgotten - God's love. She always reminded her family of His provisions for her and the family made everyday special - not just Sunday!

Momma's place at the head of the table was a place of power and security and as she shared with the

entire family how much they were blessed, she taught the family how to pray for those less fortunate. Then it was off to church for Robin Leigh where she soon began to anticipate "Momma's glorious Sunday dinner."

The author is Robin Miller Ingram, a native of Philadelphia. She is an educator and champion for many children's causes. The book's illustrator is Lynette Doreen Brown, a graduate of Temple University's Tyler School of Art.



African American Justice Guide

Attorney John V. Elmore challenges all, especially African-American males, to be informed about how the criminal justice system works and empowered not to become a victim of miscalculations, misunderstandings, police misconduct and society's urban ills in his new book "Fighting For Your Life: The African American Criminal Justice Guide."

It is the nation's only book written for African Americans about how to survive the criminal justice system.

Elmore gives advice and actual case summaries regarding common issues such as: what to do if you are stopped, arrested or incarcerated by the police; choosing the best attorney, the correct court appearance and conduct; police misconduct and how drugs and alcohol can lead to a life of crime.

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