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# Calendar of Events

Sept. 02	1:00 pm	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Sept. 02	7:00 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Sept. 04	11:00 am	Huntington Safe Banking for Seniors	Center
Sept. 05	6:00 pm	Center Board Meeting	Center
Sept. 05	7:00 pm	Yoga with Matt	Center
Sept. 09	1:00 pm	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Sept. 09	7:00 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Sept. 10	6:30 pm	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Center
Sept. 11	7:00 pm	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Sept. 12	7:00 pm	Yoga with Matt	Center
Sept. 15	3:00 pm	Miami Valley Primetimers Potluck	Center
Sept. 16	1:00 pm	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Sept. 16	7:00 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Sept. 17	7:00 pm	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
Sept. 19	7:00 pm	Yoga with Matt	Center
Sept. 23	1:00 pm	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Sept. 23	7:00 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Sept. 25	7:00 pm	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Sept. 26	7:00 pm	Yoga with Matt	Center
Sept. 30	1:00 pm	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
Sept. 30	7:00 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center

***"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." Bernard M. Baruch***

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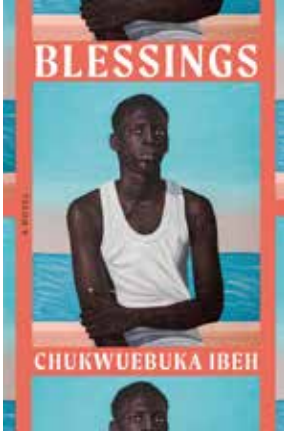
# Book Reviews

by: Terri Schlichenmeyer

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"Blessings" by Chukwuebuka Ibeh c.2024, Doubleday, \$28.00 288 pages



Sometimes, you just need to step back a minute. You need time to regroup, to think things through, and a scenery change is the place to do it. Get past your current position, and situations can become clearer somehow. Thoughts can be re-organized. Problems pivot. As in the new novel **"Blessings" by Chukwuebuka Ibeh**, you'll have a different perspective.

Obiefuna didn't say much on the road to the seminary.

What was there to say? His father had caught him in a too-cozy situation with a young man who'd been taken in as an apprentice and for that, Obiefuna was being sent away. Away from his mother, his younger brother, Ekene, and from the young man that fifteen-year-old Obiefuna was in love with.

Life in seminary was bad – Obiefuna was always on alert for Seniors, who were said to be abusive because abuse was allowed, even encouraged – but things weren't as bad as he thought they might be. He made friends and good grades but he missed his mother. Did she suspect he was gay? Obiefuna wanted to tell her, but he hid who he was.

Mostly, he kept to himself until he caught the eye of Senior Papilo, who was said to be the cruelest of the cruel. Amazingly, though, Senior Papilo became Obiefuna's protector, letting Obiefuna stay in his bed, paying for Obi's first experience with a woman, making sure Obiefuna had better food. Maybe Obiefuna loved Senior Papilo but Senior had other boys, which made Obi work twice as hard to be his favorite. Still, he hid.

And then Senior Papilo passed his final exams and moved on.

So, eventually, did Obiefuna. Sure, there were other boys – one who



almost got him expelled, a chaplain who begged forgiveness, and there was even a girl once – but Obi grew up and fully embraced his truth: all he wanted was to be accepted for himself, to be loved.

As Nigeria moved toward making same-sex marriage illegal, though, neither one looked likely...

So here's the puzzle: the story inside "Blessings" is interesting. Obiefuna is a *great* character who takes what happens with quiet compliance, as if he long-ago relinquished hope that he could ever control his own life. Instead, he passively lets those who surround him take the reins and though reasons for this are not clearly stated and it's uncomfortable, it's easy to grasp and accept why. This goes, too, for the Seniors whose actions readers will tacitly understand.

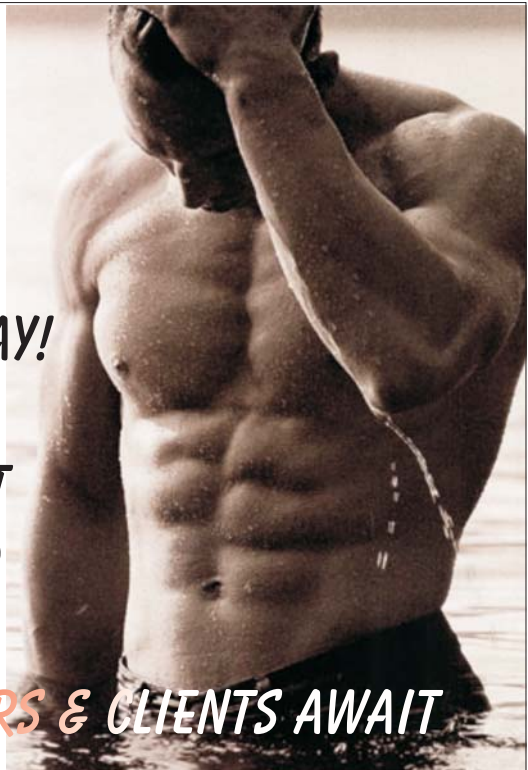
What's not easy to accept is that author Chukwuebuka Ibeh's story often slows to a glacial pace, with great chunks of the books' multi-year timeline crunched into basically only highlights. You'll be left loving this story but hating its stride.

The best advice is to embrace this moving novel's message and accept the slowness, love the excellent characters, but don't be surprised if you find yourself checking to see how many pages you have left to crawl through. Yes, you'll enjoy the soul-touching cast in "Blessings" but if speed in a plot supersedes good characters, then step back.

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# Poets Corner

by True Hoffman

## *The Glimmer of the Green Praying Mantis*

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Creature of mystery and insect of destruction  
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As the brown and auburn branch hangs above  
And cicadas fly in unison out of fear  
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And the feasting  
And the feasting  
Of silence

~ true rivir newland



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## **August is National “Make-A-Will Month”**

*by Mike Menninger of Houck & Menninger Law, LLC.*

Many folks improperly equate “estate planning” with “writing out a will.” A last will and testament can help with some planning goals, but it has some limitations.

First, the good.

A will lets you direct how your assets are distributed after you pass away. Without a will, your assets would simply be distributed according to the laws of your state, known as the “laws of intestate succession.” The process of intestate succession will completely ignore your wishes because what you “would have wanted” is simply irrelevant to the state without a formal will in place.

With that being said, in most nuclear family dynamics, the laws of intestate succession generally mirror what most people typically do in their wills: everything to a spouse, and if the spouse is predeceased, everything to the children in equal shares. In many cases, having a will and *not* having a will ends up with the same result, except that a will lets you name an executor.

Even if your wishes regarding your distribution don’t differ from intestate succession, a will is critical when you have minor children. In your will, you can name a trusted person to serve as a guardian to raise and care for your children when you cannot. However, without a will, a court decides who will raise your children, and the court may appoint someone you would not have selected yourself.

A will also allows you to appoint an Executor to handle your estate. Without a will, you may end up with someone you never intended seeking control. But *with* a will, you decide who will serve and in what order. So, yes, a will is an important document to ensure your wishes are respected after you’ve passed away. But it is important to understand its limitations.

### **Limitation #1: No planning for incapacity.**

Your will does not direct who should manage your affairs should you become incapacitated. Creating durable powers of attorney for finances and healthcare lets you designate the right persons and provide them with sufficient authority and instructions on how to make decisions about your assets, personal affairs, or medical care when you are unable. If you do not have powers of attorney in place, your family may have no choice but to go to probate court to appoint a court-supervised Guardian, which typically means legal fees, court time, and stress that could have been



avoided. Not to mention that if *you* don't name someone, someone you *didn't* want might seek to get control (like with your will).

**Limitation #2: Wills don't cover assets with beneficiary designations.**

Wills only direct those assets you own in your *sole name* (i.e. not jointly-owned assets) that do not have beneficiary designation. Assets such as life insurance, annuities, qualified retirement accounts (e.g. IRAs and 401(k)s), investment accounts, and even bank accounts or real estate, all allow for beneficiary designations to dictate how the asset is to be distributed after the owner dies. In fact, many court cases have determined that an owner's will is irrelevant if it contradicts what was written on the beneficiary designation form. This is why it's important to also review your beneficiary designations periodically to ensure they reflect your current goals and circumstances and are not accidentally inconsistent with your will.

**Limitation #3: Wills guarantee probate.**

Many people are under the impression that having a will helps avoid probate. In fact, the exact opposite is true. If a will is disposing of an asset, the disposition is happening in probate court. If you rely on beneficiary designations on certain assets (see above), or you have jointly-owned assets, those assets will generally avoid probate. But if you rely on a will alone, you are effectively guaranteeing probate.

It is for this reason that some individuals utilize a trust as their primary planning document, instead of a will. A revocable trust, done correctly, allows your estate to avoid probate entirely—and the public scrutiny that accompanies it. Trusts can also protect your assets against creditors and other threats while protecting your heirs' inheritances against creditors, unnecessary taxes, divorce, and even their own poor decisions if they are not yet mature enough to handle an inheritance.

**Conclusion**

In short, while a will can help you accomplish important goals, additional estate planning tools and strategies are necessary to protect you and your loved ones during incapacity *and* after you pass away. You have to be willing to think through some difficult scenarios in order to ensure you've truly got a comprehensive estate plan, one that makes things clear and simpler for your loved ones. We also recommend frequent reviews and that your plan is update every 5 years. Please consult an estate planning specialist for more details on how to protect yourself and insure your wishes are carried out.



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C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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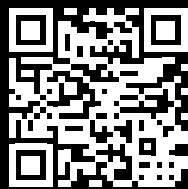


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