

**Breakout Questions:**  
***Writing While Black***

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Please find below suggested questions concerning the novel, Writing While Black.

- Tell us briefly about Writing While Black.
- What inspired the story and the characters?
- What about the main characters will make readers connect with them and why?
- What would you say is the lesson behind Christina's unconventional pursuit of her dream of being a published author?
- What are your thoughts on Christina's efforts to have it all—husband, baby, job, and relationships with friends and extended family?
- The dysfunction in Christina and Cameron's relationship has absolutely nothing to do with them being two halves of an interracial couple. Was that by design, or did that play out organically in the telling of the story?
- Do you feel that you've succeeded in presenting another portrait of the Black Experience in America—a portrait rooted in a West Indian heritage?
- What does Writing While Black say about the publishing industry and its dealings with writers of color?