Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Tonya W. Bolden

Bolden, Tonya

Alternative Names: Tonya W. Bolden;

Life Dates: March 1, 1959-

Place of Birth: New York, New York, USA

Residence: Bronx, NY

Occupations: Author

Biographical Note

Author and publisher Tonya Wilyce Bolden was born on March 1, 1959, in New York City to Georgia Bolden, a homemaker, and Willie Bolden, a garment center shipping manager. Bolden grew up in Harlem in a musical family and loved to read; she attended Public M.E.S. 146, an elementary school in Manhattan, and then graduated from the Chapin School, a private secondary school, in Manhattan in 1976. Bolden attended Princeton University in New Jersey, and, in 1981, obtained her B.A. degree in Slavic languages.
and literature with a Russian focus. Bolden was also a University Scholar and received the Nicholas Bachko, Jr. Scholarship Prize.

Upon graduating from Princeton University, Bolden began working as a salesperson for Charles Alan, Incorporated, a dress manufacturer, while working towards her M.A. degree at Columbia University. In 1985, Bolden earned her degree in Slavic languages and literature, as well as a Certificate for Advanced Study of the Soviet Union from the Harriman Institute; after this she began working as an office coordinator for Raoulfilm, Inc., assisting in the research and development of various film and literary products. Bolden worked as an English instructor at Malcolm-King College and New Rochelle School of New Resources while serving as newsletter editor of the HARKline, a homeless shelter newsletter.

Related Entries

**M.E.S. 146** [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

**Chapin School** [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

**Princeton University** [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

**Columbia University** [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

**The Westside Theatre** [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

  Intern

**Raoulfilm, Inc.** [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

**Black Enterprise** [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

  Book Reviewer

**New York Amsterdam News** [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

  Book Reviewer

**The New York Times** [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

  Book Reviewer

**Essence magazine** [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]
Book Reviewer

‘The Family Heirloom Cookbook’ [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author

‘Mama, I want to Sing’ [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author

‘And Not Afraid to Dare’ [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author

‘The Book of African American Women’ [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author

‘Strong Men Keep Coming’ [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author

‘33 Things Every Girl Should Know’ [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author

‘Rock of Ages: A Tribute to the Black Church’
[EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author

‘Maritcha: A Nineteenth Century American Girl’
[EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author