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***The Price We Pay*: Chicago Author Nikki T. Anthony's Timely Novel on Racism and Speaking Up Honored as A Finalist for The Bill Fisher Award Best First Book at the 36th Annual IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™ Program**

Chicago, April 7, 2024- Esteemed young adult award-winning author Nikki T. Anthony, hailing from Chicago, has been named a finalist in the 36th annual IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™ program for her compelling YA novel, *The Price We Pay*.

Anthony's novel, which delves into themes of racism and the importance of speaking up, has been recognized in the distinguished category of The Bill Fisher Award for Best First Book of fiction.

The Price We Pay has captivated readers with its thought-provoking exploration of social issues. Nikki T. Anthony's exceptional storytelling has propelled her into the spotlight, earning her recognition as a finalist in the IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™ program, one of the highest national honors for independent publishers.

Expressing her gratitude for the nomination, Nikki T. Anthony remarked, "Being named a finalist in the IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™ program is a tremendous honor. *The Price We Pay* is a labor of love, and to see it acknowledged in this way is truly humbling. I am grateful for the opportunity to share stories that spark meaningful conversations."

The IBPA Benjamin Franklin Award™ program celebrates excellence in independent publishing, recognizing outstanding books across various categories. Nikki T. Anthony's inclusion as a finalist underscores her talent and dedication as a rising star in the literary landscape. As readers eagerly anticipate the announcement of the winners, Nikki T. Anthony's presence among the finalists serves as a testament to the enduring impact of her work and its significance in shaping conversations around racism and social justice.

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