



## MEDIA ALERT

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**Brownstone Books Hosts BE A FATHER TO YOUR CHILD  
Community Forum and Signing on THIS WEDNESDAY**  
Editor and Contributors from Critically-Acclaimed Anthology Discuss  
Family, Love, and Fatherhood from a Black Male and Hip Hop Perspective

**WHO:** Contributors **Shaun Neblett, Mo Beasley, Bill Stepney,** and editor **April R. Silver** (program subject to change).

**WHAT:** Book-signing, community forum with a Q&A session regarding a variety of themes discussed in the “groundbreaking” anthology **BE A FATHER TO YOUR CHILD: REAL TALK FROM BLACK MEN ON FAMILY, LOVE AND FATHERHOOD** (Soft Skull Press)

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7:00 pm**

**WHERE:** **Brownstone Books located at** 409 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233 (Bed-Stuy section of central Brooklyn). For store info or directions, call 718.953.7328 or visit [www.brownstonebooks.com](http://www.brownstonebooks.com)

**BOOK SYNOPSIS:** BE A FATHER TO YOUR CHILD: REAL TALK FROM BLACK MEN ON FAMILY, LOVE AND FATHERHOOD (BAF) is a frank discussion of how family formation has changed since the 1960s. Twenty-four writers then flesh out historical, sociological, and cultural contexts, examining the impact of welfare, child support, criminal justice, and employment policies on young men of color, Black men in particular. Key to the pieces is the role of hip hop as an influential cultural phenomenon that shaped the individual writer's conceptions of sexual behavior, family formation, fathering, and community building. Gripping firsthand narratives expound on statistical data to form a powerful composite portrait of the challenges facing modern African American communities, and how to overcome them. BAF is published by **Soft Skull Press/ Counterpoint** (Trade Paper; June 2008; \$17.95; ISBN: 978-1-59376-192-9)