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**Imani Lee Publishing Introduces
I Am Not Afraid to Speak by Etta Smith Martin**

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February 1, 2005 (San Diego, California, USA) – Imani Lee is a leading provider of international strategic alliance consulting services, hotel and residential real estate acquisition and rentals and a provider of publishing, marketing and distribution services to new authors as well as established authors. Imani Lee is pleased to announce the immediate availability of *I Am Not Afraid to Speak* by Etta Smith Martin.

I Am Not Afraid to Speak is poetry that reflects a beginning. It's reflection of that beginning and an explosion of a continuous life of struggle, disbelief, love, family, and God. The mind boggling thoughts that have remained suppressed without a venue to share with others. This poetry unties and releases the mind and soul and brings peace, healing and comfort. The poetry also instills hope, love and a strong undying love in God.

This coffee table sized book provides 116 poignant and enriching poems. Etta has written poems for over 20 years and this book allows her to share her best work with her friends, fans, fellow people of faith, fellow military families and all people who desire simple strong words that give comfort during trouble times.

“Etta Smith Martin’s title poem *I Am Not Afraid to Speak* documents the courageous journey of a deeply spiritual woman from darkness created by fear into light provided by God’s grace,” says Drenaye L. Houston, Attorney, Washington, DC. “Her journey follows a path that leads to a universal truth: that each of us, no matter our gender or station in life, has a God-given voice that we should not be afraid to use.”

“Etta’s freestyle poetry is easy to grasp, yet poignant,” says Bill Collins, Publisher – The Journal Scene, Summerville, South Carolina.

I Am Not Afraid to Speak can be purchased on-line at www.ettamartin.com, www.trafford.com or for autographed copies send your request to emar@ettamartin.com. The book will also be available at various book purchasing Internet locations and in bookstores.

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About Etta Smith Martin, Author

Etta's poems are personal, spiritual, about nature and life. Her poetry allows a reader to see life unfold through the eyes of a woman, from her youth, marriage, and into motherhood. Etta was born on a plantation in Mississippi and reared in a Christian home. She married at age sixteen, to her husband Lee H. Martin, and later in life became a mother of four sons, grandmother of five, and great grandmother of three. Etta lived for 26 years as a military wife. She always had a desire to write, so when adversity knocked at her door during the Vietnam and Desert Storm Wars, where her husband and youngest son, Derrick, served their country, she started writing to survive, because she knew her family needed and depended on her. Writing poetry became a way of life, peace of mind, and method of survival for Etta. Through her poems and prayer life, Etta found herself writing and presenting a wonderful book of poetry called, *I Am Not Afraid to Speak*. If you are interested in purchasing an autographed copy – please send an email to emar@ettamartin.com.