





CASE STUDY



AUTHOR AVIZE JAMA-EVERETT

WHAT WE DID FOR HIM >



THE CHALLENGE

Ayize had 5 books published but no real platform to speak of. He didn't have a social media presence, nor a mailing list, and his website was outdated and not properly functioning. He was also getting ready to find an agent and shop around his next book and he understood that a platform would be very helpful to that, as well as to selling more books.

ISSUES

We worked with Ayize to set goals for his platform, and executed a campaign consisting of the following steps:

WEBSILE

Ayize's old website was outdated, not mobile optimized, lacked metadata, and wasn't showing up in search engines due to a lack of optimization.

> His old website

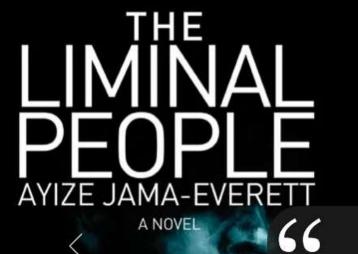


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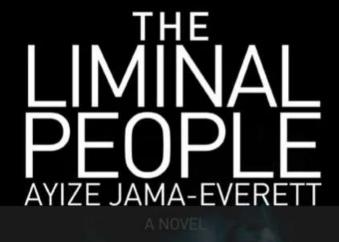
AYIZE JAMA-EVERETT

Official Website of sci-fi and speculative fiction Author including the trilogy The Liminal People





"The world won't ever look quite the same again." Nate Hopkinson, author of The Salt Roads

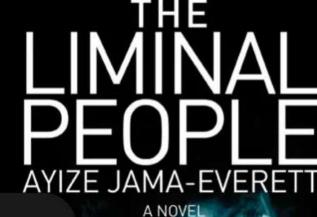


Ayize's imagination will mess with yours, and the world won't ever look quite the same again.

- Nalo Hopkinson



"The world Son't ever look quite the same again."



"The world won't ever look quite the same again."

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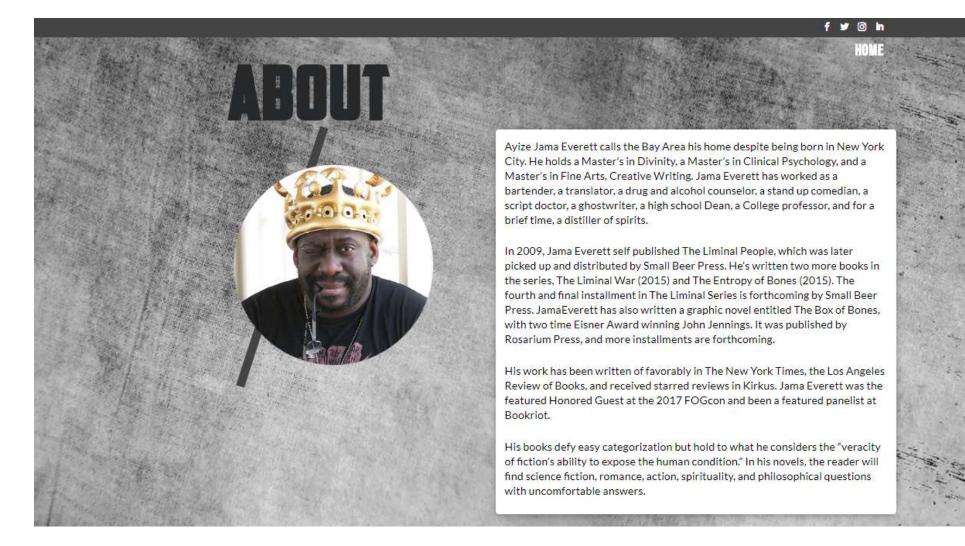
We researched and found all of Ayize's published writing, interviews, photos, videos, and personal appearances. We rewrote his biography and wrote content for his website pages, media kit, newsletter, and more.

We built a modern, mobile-optimized, content rich, easy to read, stylish website for Ayize.



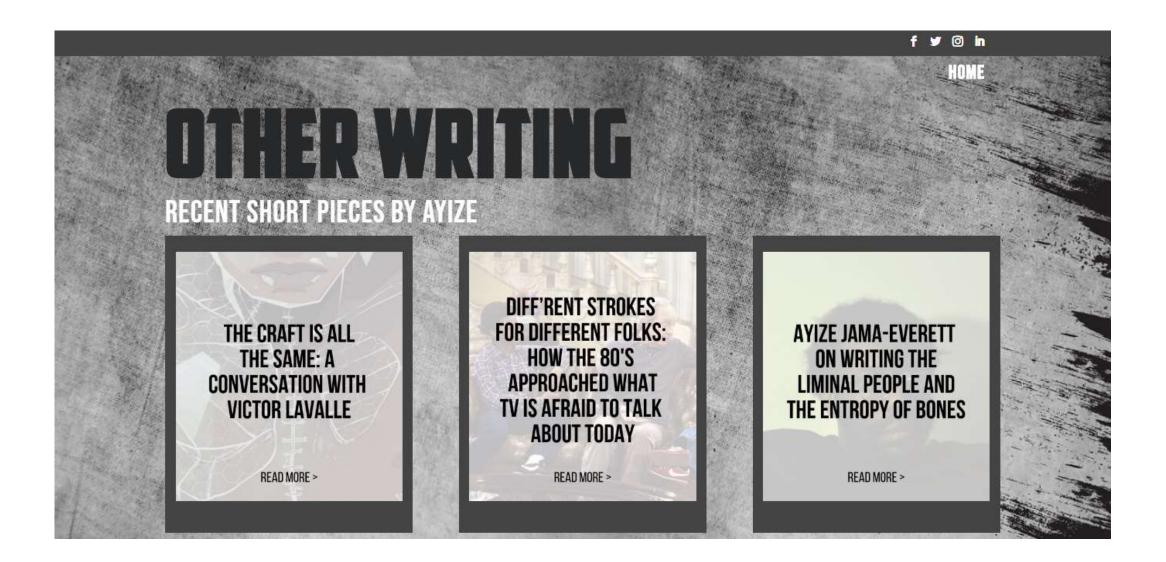
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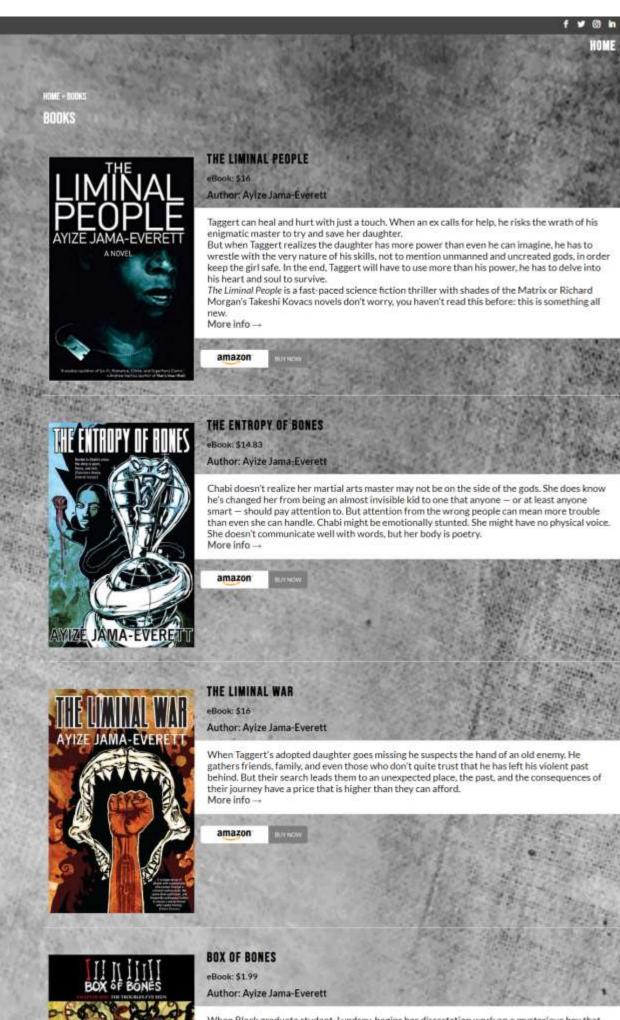








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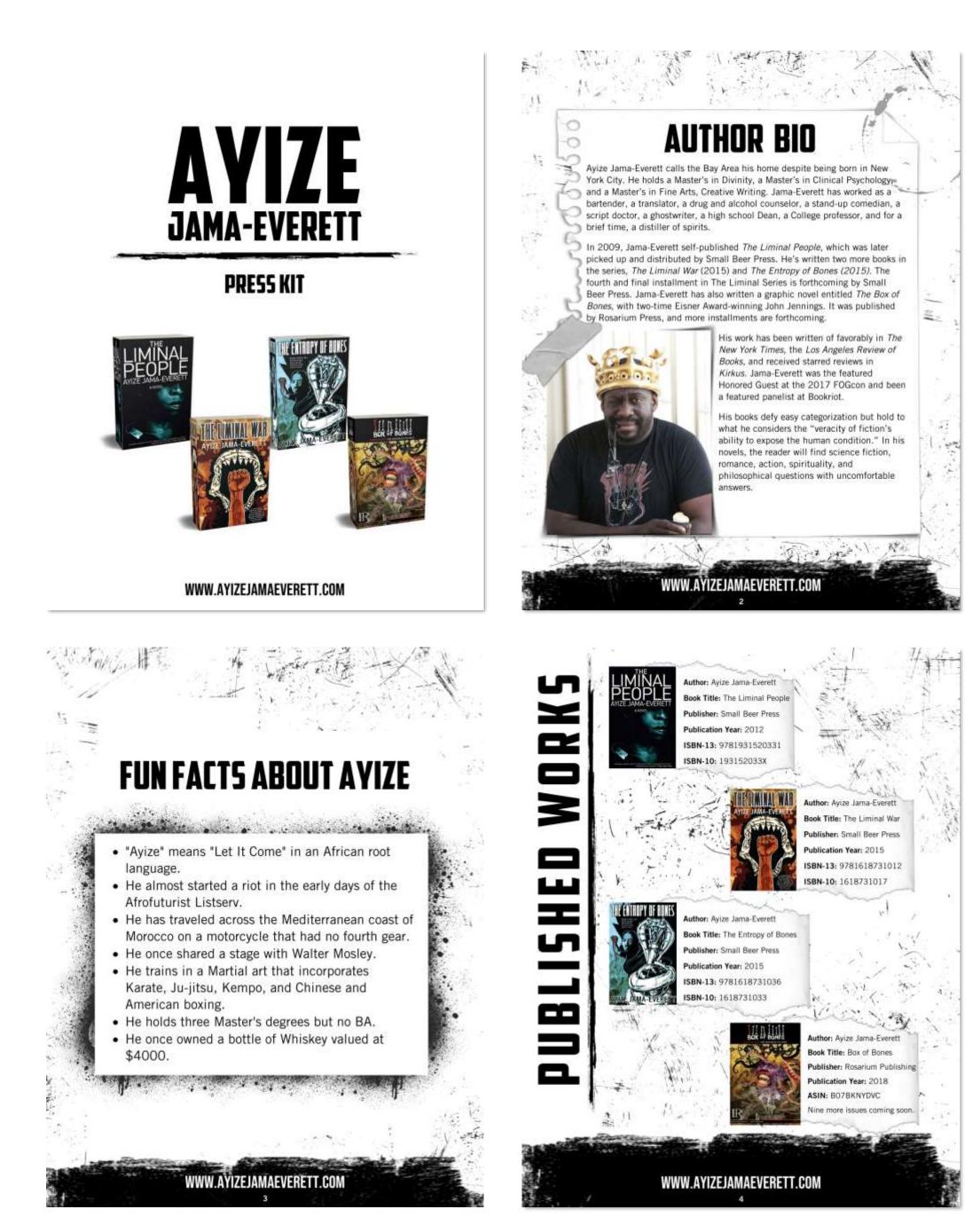


When Black graduate student, Lyndsey, begins her dissertation work on a mysterious box that pops up during the most violent and troubled time in Africana history, she has no idea that her research will lead her on a phantasmagorical journey from West Philadelphia riots to Haitian slave uprisings. Wherever Lyndsey finds someone who has seen the Box, chaos ensues. More info \rightarrow

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MEDIA KIT

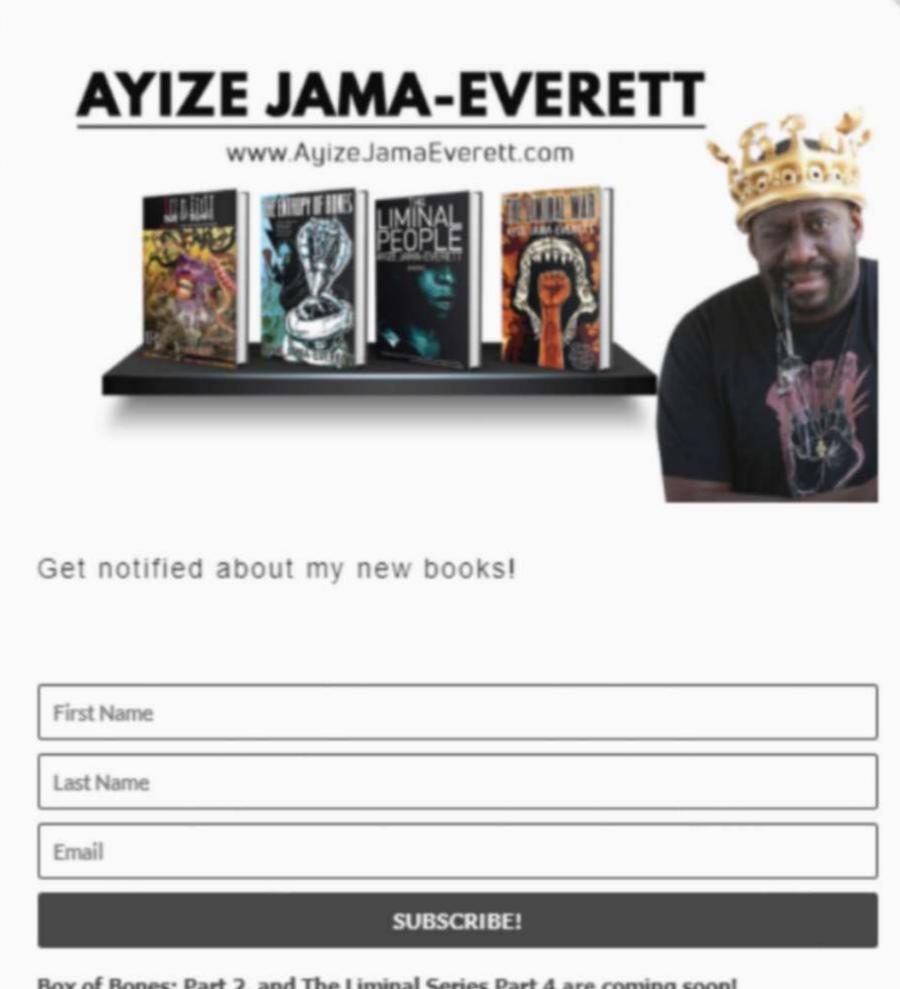
We created a media kit for him and added it to his website so agents and publishers, as well as members of the media could download it.





MAILING LIST

We set up a mailing list for him and installed a lead-capture pop-up on his website to help build his fanbase.



Box of Bones: Part 2, and The Liminal Series Part 4 are coming soon! I'll keep you posted.

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We drafted his first newsletter. We included special news like his award nominations, and relevant information about upcoming events he'll be attending.



"Transformation is never complete."

Whaddup folks,

It's been a hectic few weeks and looking ahead, things aren't slowing down. I want to share some great news with you.

Award Nomination

I got nominated for the 2019 Glyph Comics Awards by the East Coast Black Age of Comics Convention. The Glyph Comic Awards recognize the best in comics made either by, for, or about Black people and accomplishments that Black artists and writers have made in the comic book industry.

I am so proud that my work and I have been nominated for these categories:

Best Writer Ayize Jama-Everett, writer; BOX OF BONES #1

Rising Star Award

Ayize Jama-Everett, writer, John Jennings (interior) & Stacey Robinson (cover), artists; BOX OF BONES #1

Best Cover BOX OF BONES #1; Ayize Jama-Everett, writer, Stacey Robinson, artist

List of nominees

Upcoming Events



Independent Bookstore Day

What:

Independent Bookstore Day Celebration When:

Saturday, April 27th at 10 am, my reading is from 2 pm Where:

Cellar Door Bookstore at 5225 Canyon Crest Dr., #30A, Riverside, CA 92507

Come celebrate Indie Bookstore Day with me. Independent Bookstore Day is a one-day national celebration taking place at indie bookstores across the country. You can also catch storytime with Jose Chavez, a book signing with Larry Burns, and more. If you're up for it, there's a costume contest for adults (and kids), and a science trivia. It's also worth mentioning that they have a 20% in-store discount for select genres and a 40% in-store discount for physical audiobooks. There'll be exclusive IBD items and you'll get a chance to win a free book.

Full details about the event



When:

Sunday, April 28th at 5 pm Where: Skylight Books Los Angeles at 1818 N Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90027

Please come see me and other candidates from the University of California Riverside Master of Fine Arts writing program read from their work. I will be reading with Isabela Agosa, Katy Gurin, Marcos Damián León, Alicia Mosley, Joe Satran, Jasmine Elizabeth Smith, Kate Weinberg, and faculty readers Allison Benis White and Tom Lutz.

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Giveaway

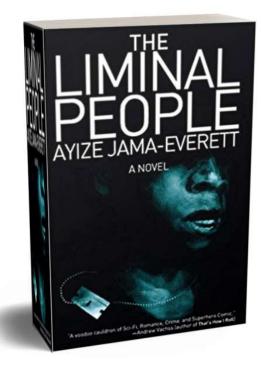


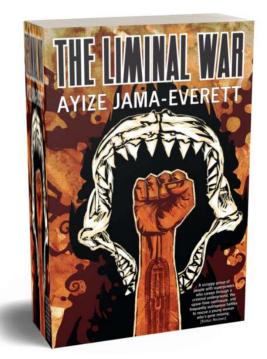
For those of you who may not be following me on Twitter (you should!), I did a giveaway to celebrate reaching 1,000 followers. The winners will get an audiobook copy of The Liminal People. The winners were two of my followers, @twoshotgurl and @masonsmvp, and newsletter subscriber Paul A.

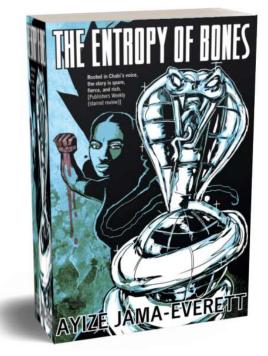
Congratulations! Your audiobooks are on the way.

For those of you who didn't enter or win the giveaway, and haven't read the Liminal series yet I recommend starting with Liminal People, <u>available here</u>.

Or if you're more of a comic book fan you can find the above mentioned Glyphaward nominated Box of Bones, written by me and illustrated by Eisner Awardwinning artist and friend, John Jennings, <u>available here</u>.









You can also follow me on social media so you don't miss out:



I hope to connect with you soon, in person or online.

Till then,

Ayize

We also set up a professional email for Ayize, and added his book links to his signature.

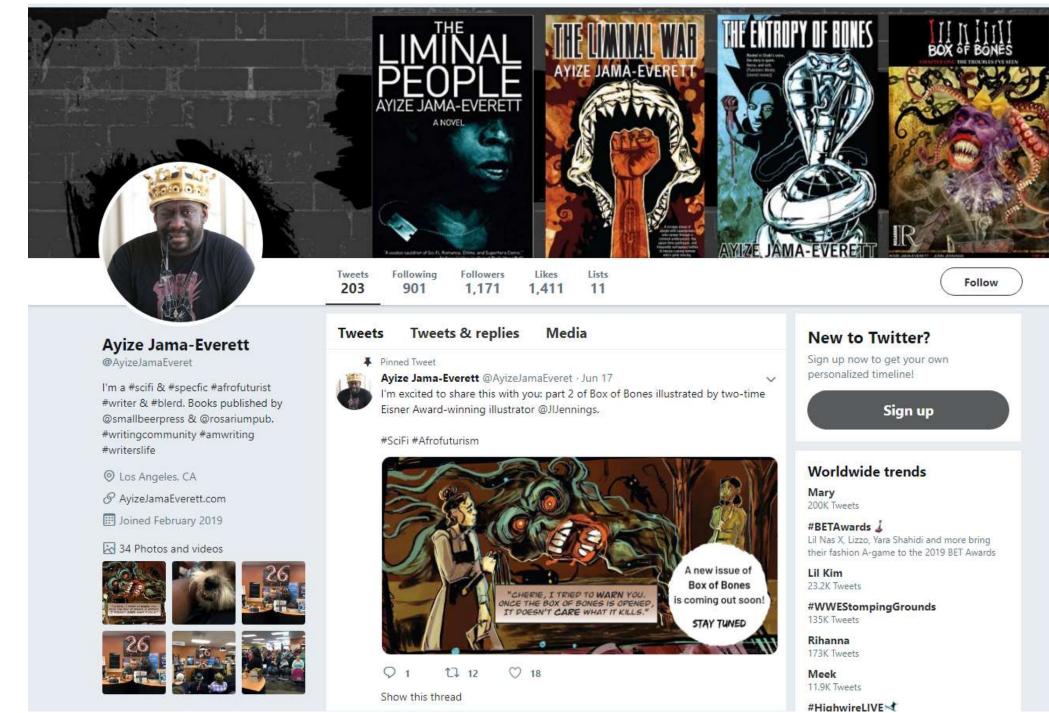


SOCIAL MEDIA

Ayize did not have a social media presence. After discussing his options we decided to set up a Twitter account, and an Instagram account. We used his own name as his handle on these platforms and set realistic goals

CURRENT PROFILES

Twitter: @AyizeJamaEveret | *Followers:* 1,171



Instagram: @ayizejamaeverett | Followers: 134



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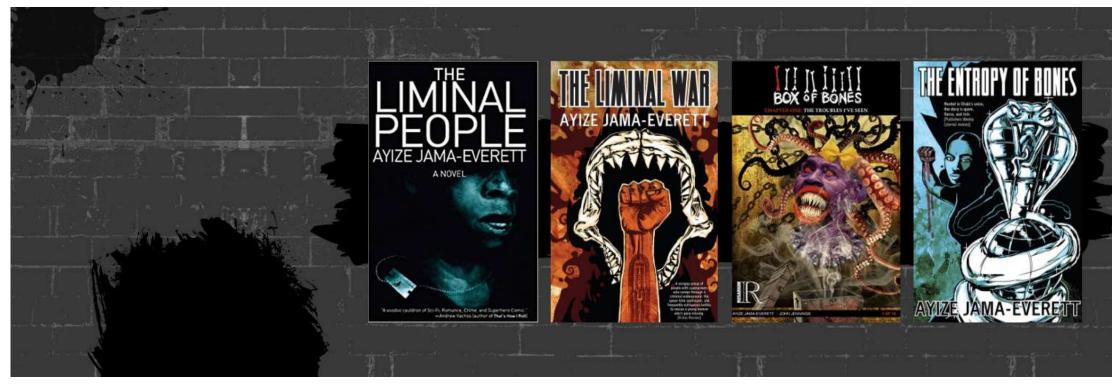
134 followers 229 following

Ayize Jama Everett Author of The Liminal People, The Entropy of Bones, The Liminal War, and Box of Bones. #afrofuturist #scifi #specfic #blerd

AyizeJamaEverett.com



We set up his social media accounts and created headers and promotional imagery.



Twitter Header

GIVEAWAY

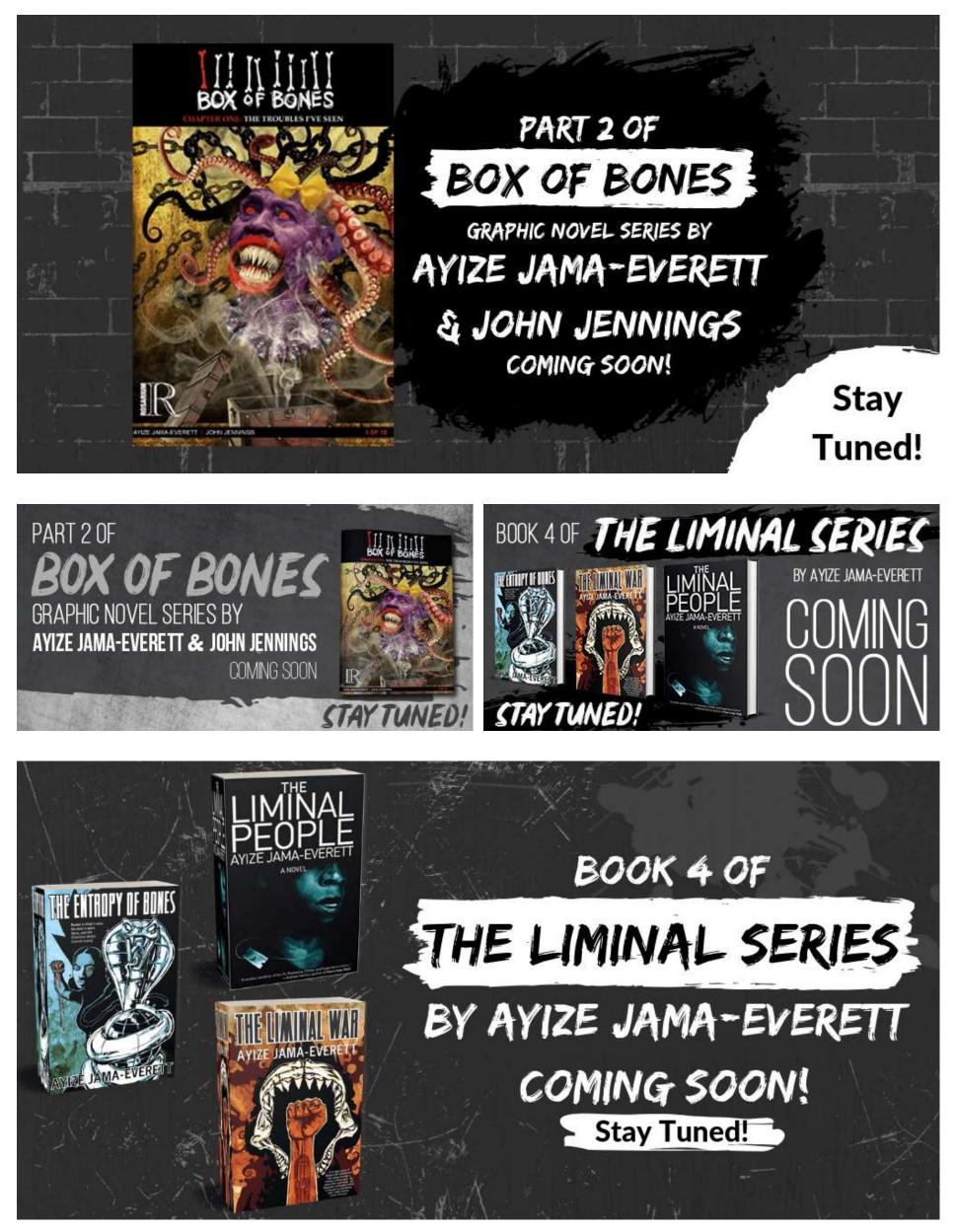
When Ayize reached 1,000 followers on Twitter, we facilitated an Audiobook giveaway as a way of saying thank you to his followers, and to get more subscribers for his mailing list.



1,000 followers Giveaway



Book Promotion Material



Featured Quotes from The Liminal People for Twitter

"You're a king playing the role of vizier to sycophants and insignificants."

> THE LIMINAL PEOPLE, AYIZE JAMA-EVERETT

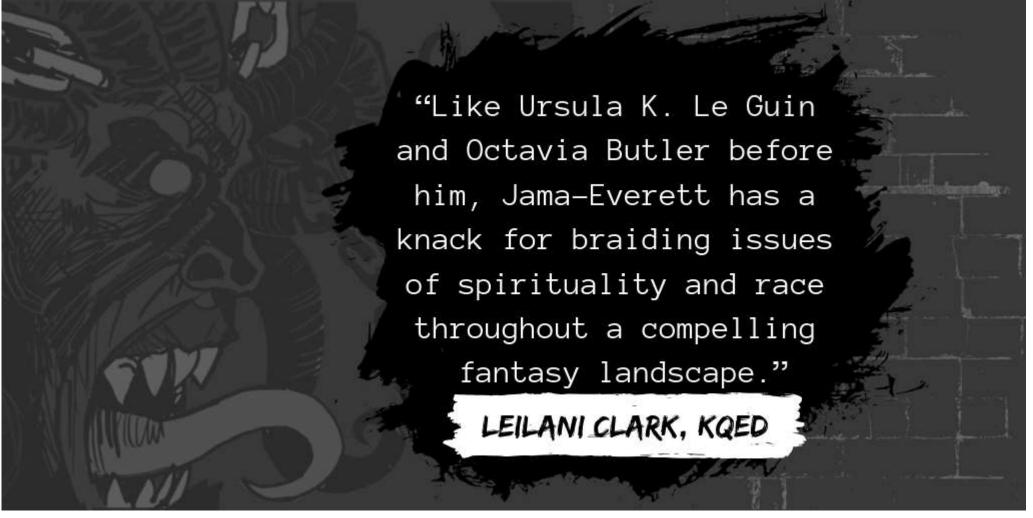
"You ever hear about a whole town losing its memory, ships at sea that witness water doing things it shouldn't, like talking, or ever just notice a large plot of land that never changes even though the entire neighborhood around it does? That's my kind fighting in one form or another. Croatoan?

That was us."

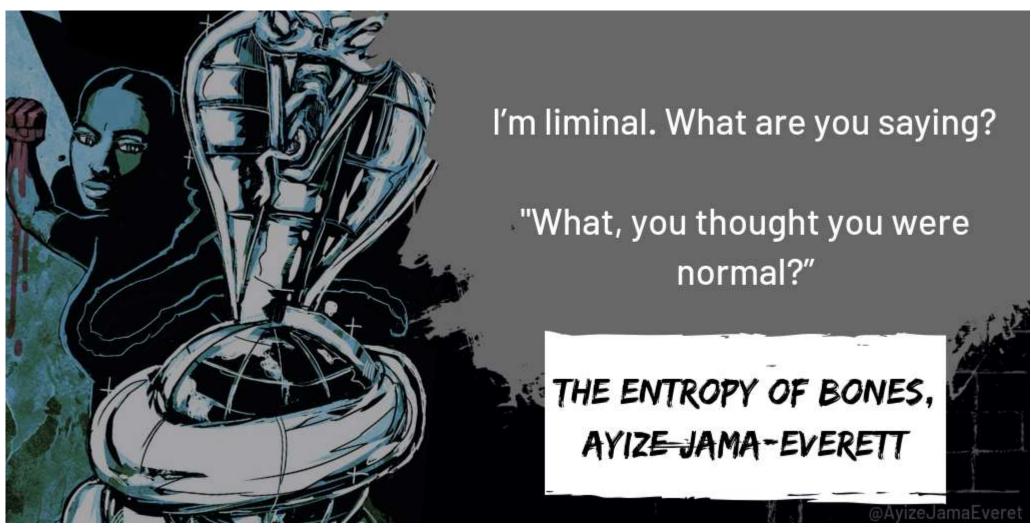
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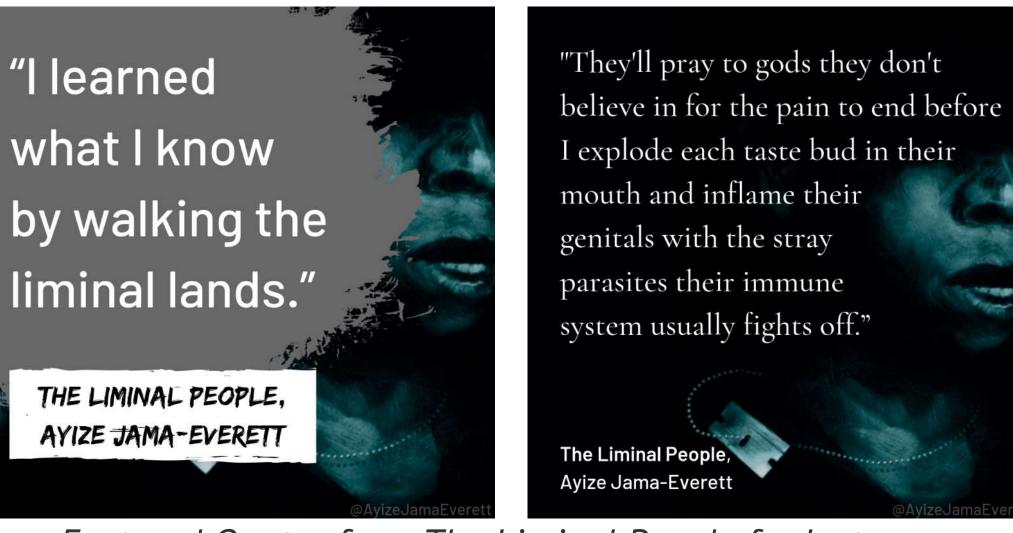




Featured Quotes from Box of Bones for Twitter



Featured Quotes from The Entropy of Bones for Twitter



Featured Quotes from The Liminal People for Instagram



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"Like Ursula K. Le Guin and Octavia Butler before him, Jama-Everett has a knack for braiding issues of spirituality and race throughout a compelling fantasy landscape."

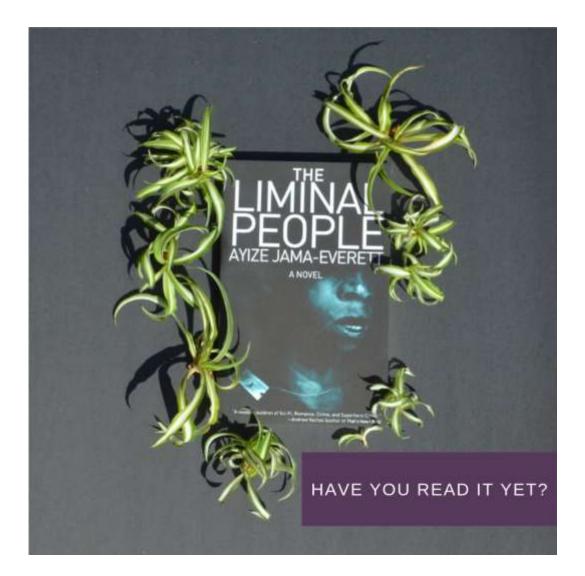
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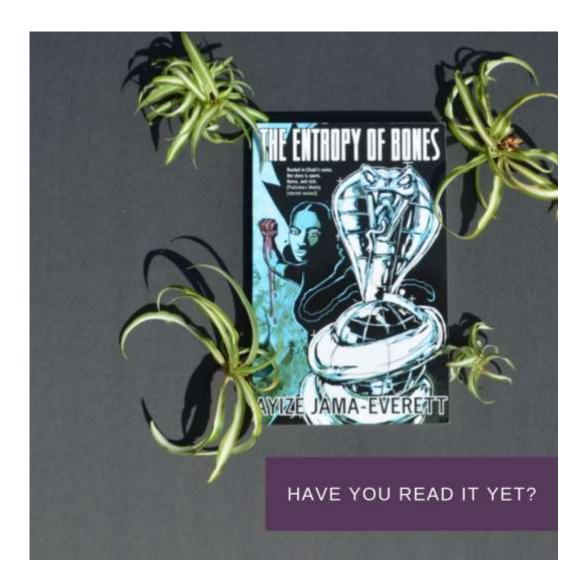








BOOKSTAGRAM IMAGES FOR INSTAGRAM









To keep his social media active, we scheduled regular posts for him on Twitter and Instagram.



Ayize Jama-Everett @AyizeJamaEveret



Read at @skylightbooks yesterday with a gang of folks from @UCRiverside MFA program. It was fun!! #WritersLife #writerscommunity





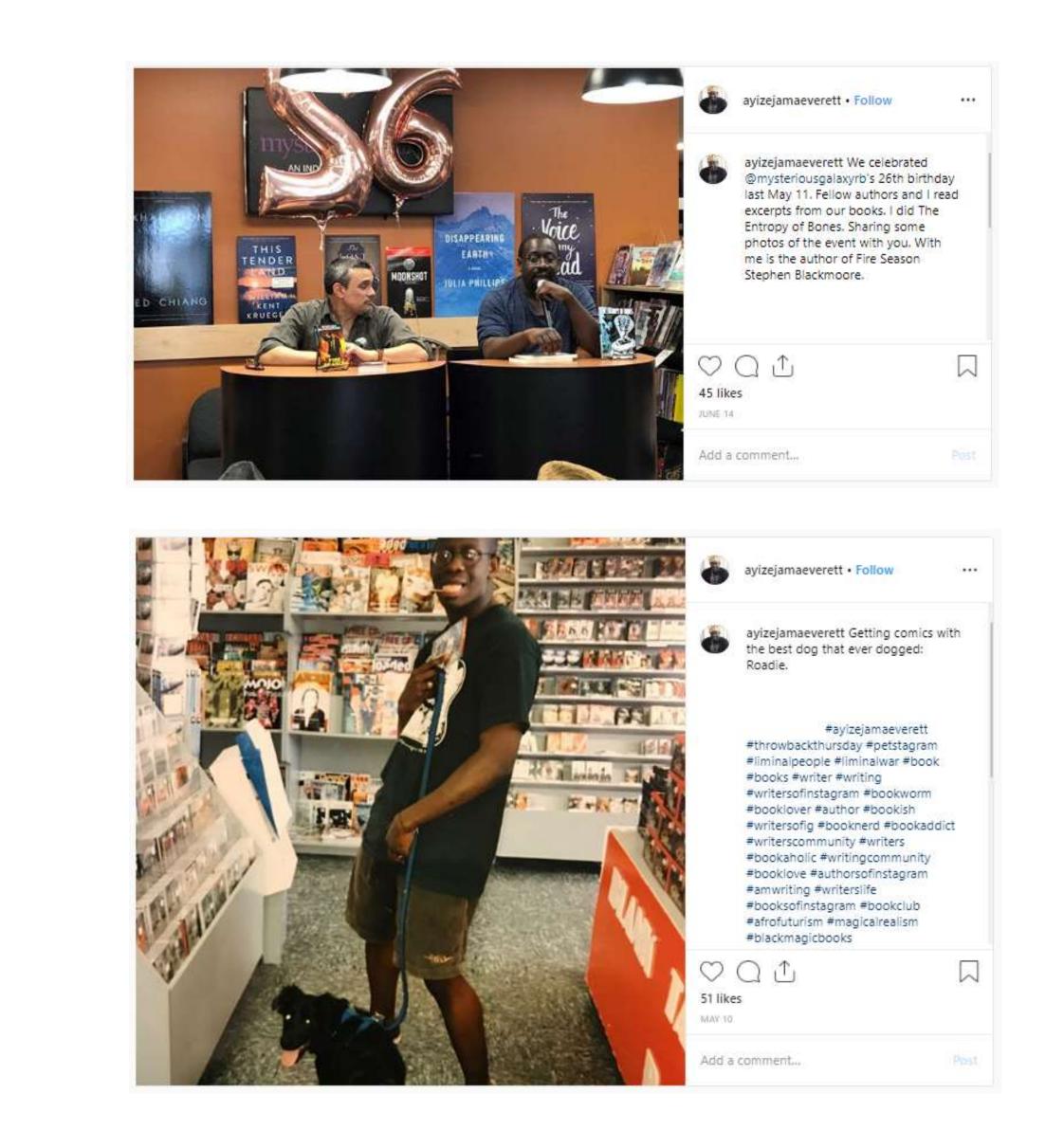




We celebrated @MystGalaxyBooks's 26th birthday on May 11. Fellow authors and I read excerpts from our books. I did The Entropy of Bones. Sharing some photos of the event with you. With me is the author of Fire Season @sblackmoore. ow.ly/2L2p50uy6XS



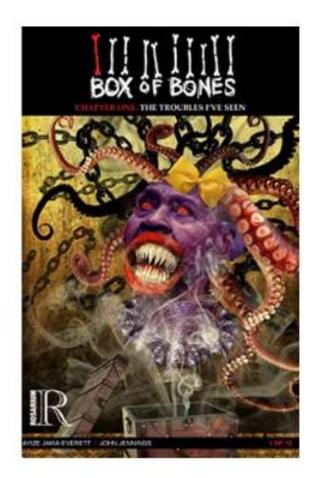
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AWARD NOMINATIONS





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Best Cover

BOX OF BONES #1; Ayize Jama-Everett, writer, Stacey Robinson, artist

READINGS

Ayize had a number of readings since we started working together, such as:

UC Riverside MFA Students Read From Their Work

by Ayize | Mar 28, 2019 | News | 0 comments



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Independent Bookstore Day Celebration

by Ayize | Mar 27, 2019 | News | 0 comments



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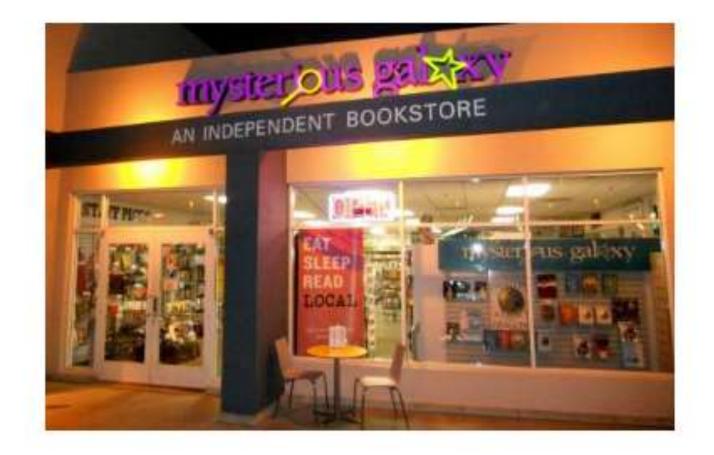
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Mysterious Galaxy Birthday Bash 2019

by Ayize | May 3, 2019 | News | 0 comments



When:

Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 10 AM

Where:

Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore at 5943 Balboa Ave Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92111

Details:

Please come join me in celebrating the 26th birthday of Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore, an independent genre bookstore specializing in science fiction, fantasy, mystery, young adult, romance, and horror.

I will be reading an excerpt from my book *The Entropy of Bones*, and other authors like Isabel Quintero (*My Papi Has a Motorcycle*), Astrid Scholte (*Four Dead Queens*), August Norman (*Come and Get Me*), and more will be reading from their books, too.

The Real Men Read Program

by Ayize Jun 13, 2019 News | 0 comments

On Wednesday I had the privilege of meeting with young men at the Youth Treatment and Education Center in Riverside as part of the Real Men Read program.

Not only was it fun to talk to them about the power of reading and writing, they also helped me with some plot points for a pitch I'm working on. I love combining my two favorite things: youth work and writing.

Real Men Read is a young men's literacy and mentorship program operated in every Riverside County juvenile lockdown facility. Since its inception in 2013, incarcerated youth have read more than 1.1 million pages of literature.





UPCOMING RELEASES



Box of Bones Part 2 Teasers for Twitter



Box of Bones Part 2 Teasers for Instagram

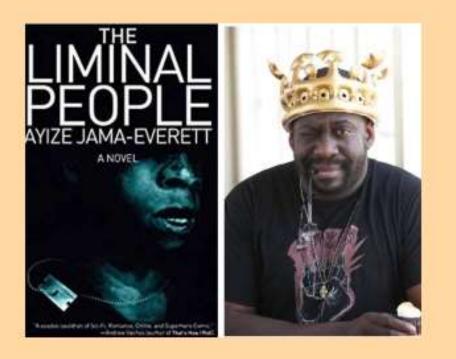


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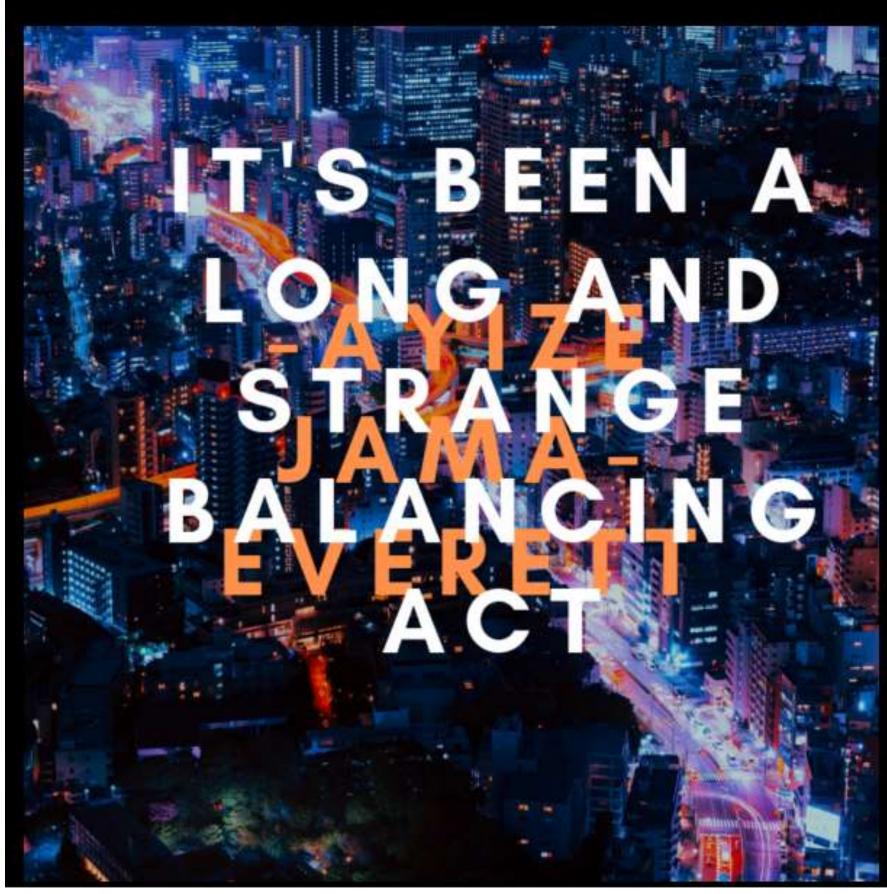
Ayize was interviewed by a number of outlets.

Ask the Author: Ayize Jama-Everett

4 WEEKS AGO — LEAVE A COMMENT



Author Maddie White's blog, Ask the Author



3 Minutes with Ayize, Author of The Liminal People

Author Tenea D. Johnson's 3 Minute Interviews

NETWORKING



Ayize with novelist Walter Mosley



Ayize with writer and filmmaker David Walker



WORK IN PROGRESS

Ayize has lots of new projects in progress. Stay tuned for updates.





Whether you need us to improve an ongoing program, create a new event or series of events, or would like us to consult on or take over a specified portion of your event, we are here to help.



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