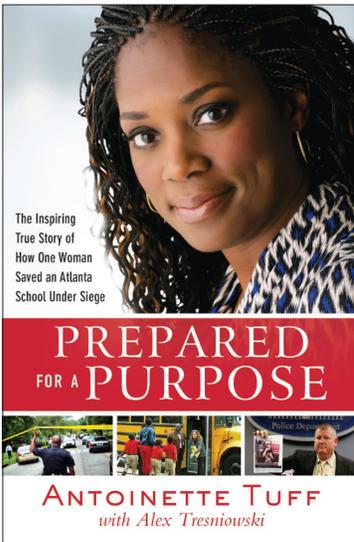


BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT



**The Inspiring True Story
of How One Woman Saved
an Atlanta School Under Siege**

Prepared for a Purpose
by Antoinette Tuff with Alex Tresniowski

- Tuff was honored for heroism by the White House and on the star-studded CNN Heroes Tribute special
- HBO is pursuing a mini-documentary

On August 20, 2013, 870 children waited in fear as their elementary school rushed into lockdown mode. As the nation faced yet another Sandy Hook story of tragedy, one woman rewrote the ending.

Yet the story doesn't start with those first steps Michael Hill took into that Atlanta elementary school. It starts with Antoinette Tuff, a woman who faced her own pain, hurt, and rejection, yet held onto grace, faith, and hope. A hope that anchored her in the most high-stakes moments, a grace that allowed her to empathize with a hurting young man, and a faith that gave her the courage to love him back from the brink.

This is more than just the amazing account of tragedy averted. It's the evidence of what we can do when we allow ourselves to be used by God. And it's a story of how God uses all of our life experiences—the good and the bad—to prepare us for our own moment of divine purpose.

“She is a reminder of what Christian courage looks like: She didn't need a weapon, just her faith and a willingness to love the unlovable and to share her own pain, failures, and struggles, knowing that the rest was in God's hands.”

—Eric Metaxas, BreakPoint

“We should use her example to teach our children's leaders—any of our leaders, really, and all of our children—the value of compassion and the power of empathy.”

—The Washington Post

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



Antoinette Tuff is a true picture of grace, courage, leadership, and heroism at its best. But before she made headlines and talked a school shooter back from the brink, she was a woman who faced—and overcame—her own pain and hurt. Publicly recognized by President Obama for her courageous act, today she speaks around the world, spreading hope and sharing her inspiring message of how our lives prepare us for our own moments of purpose. She has two children.

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in all of this. She just
did a stellar job.
She was cool, she was
calm, very collected,
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—Fox News

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