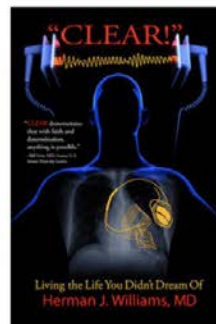
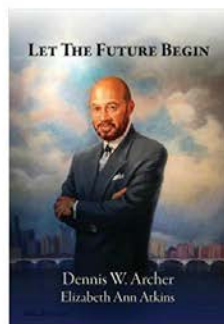
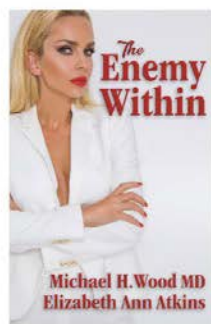
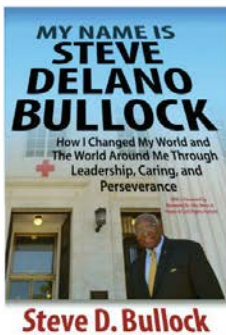
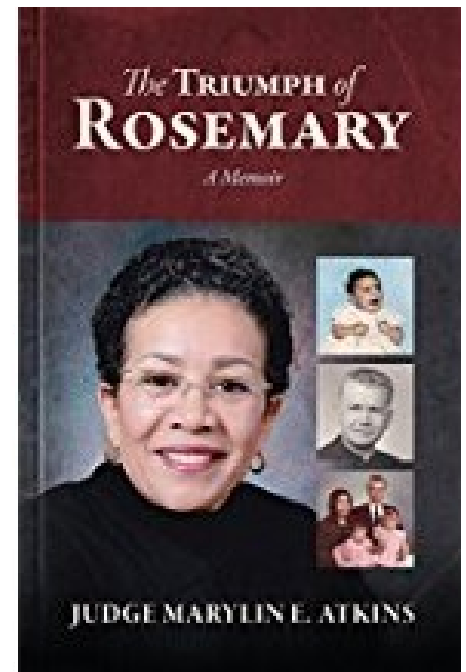
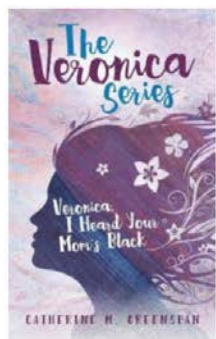


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## The Triumph of Rosemary

Okemos High School Kiva 3:00

Schuler's Book Store 7:00

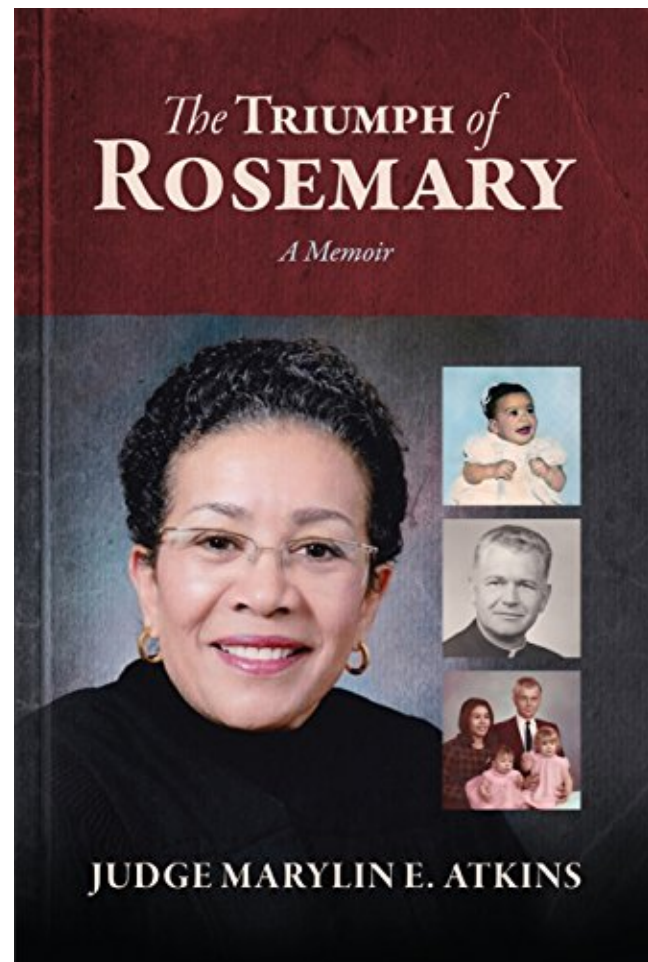


Elizabeth Atkins OHS Class of 1986 \* Catherine Atkins-Greenspan OHS Class of 1985 \* OHS Black Student Union

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**Okemos grads and authors Catherine ('85) and Elizabeth ('86) Atkins are back...and they're bringing their Mother! Little did we know of the family struggle going on right here in OHS! Judge Marylin Atkins will talk to students and the public.**

**Plan to be inspired!**



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