



I Cannot Tell a Lie: The True Story of George Washington's African American Descendants

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iUniverse, United States, 2004. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 226 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.THE FIRST PRESIDENT Documented national history states that the nation's first president had no children. But the oral history of the descendants of this African American family tells a different story. THE CONTROVERSY Many people will believe the story of George Washington fathering a slave son. Others will find it difficult, if not impossible, to believe that Washington had an intimate relationship with a slave named Venus. Their fateful union during the era of antebellum slavery produced a son, West Ford. THE SECRET As time and space distanced the Ford family from its beginnings at Mount Vernon, each generation continued to walk a precarious line, bearing the weight of their heritage and battling issues of skin color, status, and identity. Linda Allen Bryant, a descendant of West Ford, pens her family's narrative history in I Cannot Tell a Lie. Their genealogy is rich in adventure, love, tragedy, sacrifice and courage--a story that will haunt you long after you turn the last page.

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