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Monika M. Pickett is an author, cultural commentator, mother, grandmother and broadcaster. A highly sought-after speaker and LGBTQIA rights advocate, she encourages being one's authentic self. "I had to reinvent myself. In doing that I decided to be authentically me."

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