

## mahogany a natural diva

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if you read as many online magazines and blogs on natural hair as i do, you have seen this featured lady before. she has some amazing hair and is just really a diva in her own right.



Mahogany Boisseau

### The Stats

**How long have you been natural?** I have been natural for 14 years

**Haven't been natural your whole life? What caused/prompted the change?** Looking at pictures of my ancestors and just realizing that their image was beautiful. We are the only people on this planet with this type of hair why change god's creation?

**Have pictures of your BC,..what was the experience like?** I did not do a Big Chop I let my hair grow out for about 6 months then I wore micro braids. When I took out the micro braids my hair had grown out natural a little pass my ears and I just cut off most of the relaxed ends.

## welcome!



Welcome to **Afroniquely You**. Hi I'm Sasha-Shae Shaw and I love all things natural hair, fashion, beauty and creativity. Here at Afroniquely You it's my goal to offer tips on making the natural hair journey easier, more beautiful and fulfilling. Also, since we are not only about our hair, learn some ways to improve your lifestyle, cute fashions and great beauty tips.

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The Journey:

What has the natural journey been like so far? At the start it was a journey because it was not the ACCEPTABLE look and everyone around me had issues with it, they told me I looked a mess and that I was not as pretty with natural hair. I don't consider it a journey any longer it is truly my lifestyle and I really don't think about it. I chose to not conform to society's standard of beauty and I just stay true to who I AM.

Has anything changed in your life since you became all natural? Yes, something changed deep within me; it makes me feel liberated and now I seek liberation in all things.



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**More About Hair:**

**How would you describe your hair?** My hair is bushy and kinky but pretty manageable; it's a lot of work.

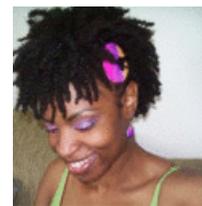
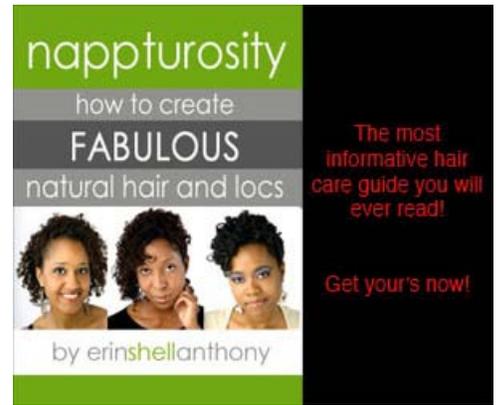
**What are your favorite hair care products and tools?** Jane Carter all the way, I have been using her products for about 8 years.

**What's your hair routine?** Wash it, put about 6 braids in it and I use Jane Carter revitalizing leave in conditioner and I comb out each braid. Then I blow dry it and either two strand twist if for a curly look or I wear an afro or Afro puff.

**I know you said last year is when you really started to take care of your hair, and since then it has thrived so much. What methods would you say got you from damaged to now healthy?** Fortunately, this question does not apply to me I have always taken care of my hair.

**Would you say you transitioned from the damage? If so, how? Did you wear protective styles (list the types)** I have not had any damage since I transitioned

**What is the best way to retain moisture as of your own discovery?** When my hair is overly moisturized it does not manage well, so as long as I wash and condition it every two weeks and use Jane Carter nourish and shine once or twice a month my hair is fine.





Mahogany on the cover of Naptural Roots Magazine

### Modeling and more:

**What prompted you to start modeling?** It was always in the back of my mind to do but sometimes when you're working a 9 to 5 job (that you don't like) you forget about all the things you truly want to do. So one day I put my destiny in my own hands and got focused and the opportunities started coming in. One of the biggest and most important reasons I do natural hair modeling is for the little girls. We have to add onto the images out here in a big way so that little girls know that it's okay to wear natural hair too.

**Why do you love modeling for Naptural Roots?** I love modeling for Naptural Roots because it is the premier natural hair magazine of course, lol and because I love what we at naptural roots bring to the masses. The standard of beauty should not be one sided. In today's society all races are starting to look alike when it comes to their hair choices, we want to show people how awesome and beautiful wearing your natural hair can be.

**How has your experience been thus far with Naptural Roots? And for those who may not be aware what the magazine is, explain to us what it is about.** My experience as the **Naptural Roots** spokes woman/face of the magazine has been awesome and it is just beginning, so watch out world. Naptural roots magazine mission statement is as follows "To celebrate and develop the entire naptural person by providing information and resources in our key areas: natural hair care, beauty (skincare and body), health/fitness, spirituality/wellness, and financial vitality. We want to empower our readers to make the small changes in their lives that result in big life changing (and sometimes life saving) events!"

**Where do you see yourself in the future as far as modeling and being involved with Naptural Roots Mag?** Modeling all over the world and seeing Naptural Roots magazine become a great success internationally and helping change the masses perception of beauty.

**Besides modeling, what else do you do?** As well as being the spokeswoman for the magazine I am also currently a fashion marketing student. I have other plans in store ☺ Stay tuned.



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**Advice and Tips:**

**Tips for longer, healthy hair:** Use natural products; Natural hair and natural products go together, test various products and see which one is best for you. We do not all have the same texture hair, so what works for someone else may not work for you. Wear satin scarves to bed.

**Advice for those wanting to go natural:** You can do the Big Chop if you wish but you can also wear braids for a while and let it grow out like I did. Be comfortable with your decision don't let anyone change your mind according to their perception or opinions do what makes you comfortable. And most importantly LOVE YOURSELF.

**Moving on from damaged thin hair, to healthy thick and long hair. What's the best way to achieve this?** I will leave this question for a natural hair stylist to answer.

**Alot of people complain about their natural 4a/4b textured hair as being difficult. Mostly this is said because that hair type is tricky and sometimes the most knotty. How do you handle the tangles and also avoid breakage and split ends with a hair type that is so prone to those things?** I use a great detangler and I comb out my hair from root to tip. I personally do not clip my ends; your hair grows from your roots not your ends. I stop clipping my ends 4 years ago and it's just fine. I am not wearing my hair straight so there is no need to clip my ends. I also condition my hair as well as my ends really well with Jane carter nutrient replenishing conditioner.

**Misc.:**

**Other interests, and hobbies:** music, dancing, reading, meditation, fashion, learning new things, physics and traveling

**Where can we catch up with you (fotki, website, etc)** [www.napturalroots.com](http://www.napturalroots.com)

**Is natural hair professional? Why or why not?** Yes it is professional. Any hair texture that is well groomed and taken care of is professional.

**What are your favorite product companies and why?** Jane Carter Solution products and occasionally Carol's daughter products. These products seem to work the best on my hair.

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I wish she had talked more about how she actually came to model for them ... I'd love to start doing that, but I have no idea where to start :/

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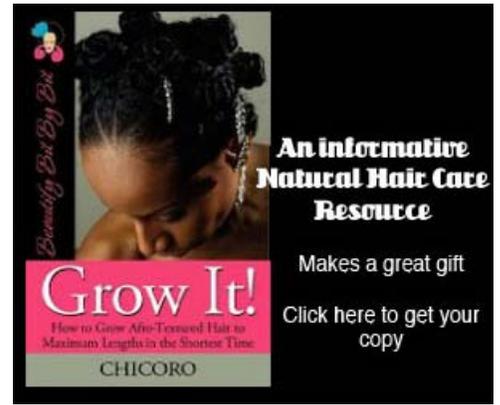
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