

## Shortie Like Mine By Ni Ni Simone Wm

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*A chilling look at the near future presents the story of Offred, a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, once the United States, an oppressive world where women are no longer allowed to read and are valued only as long as they are viable for reproduction. 25,000 first printing.*

*While attending their ultra-exclusive private school in Hollywood, London must hide her relationship with Justice from her parents, Heather cleans up her act in rehab, Spencer reveals secrets to the media, and Rich's web of lies catches up with her.*

**The Break-Up Diaries:**

**A Matter of Trust**

**Couldn't Have a Wedding Without the Fiddler**

**Blood is Thicker**

All sixteen year old Yvette Simmons wanted was to disappear. Problem is: she has too many demons for that. Yvette's life changed forever after a street fight over a boy ended in a second degree murder charge. Forced to start all over again, she's sentenced to live in a group home far from anything or anyone she's ever known. She manages to keep her past hidden, until a local cutie, known as Brooklyn, steps in. Slowly, Yvette lets him into her heart and he gives her the summer of her dreams... But in Yvette's world things are never as they seem. Brooklyn has a few secrets of his own and Yvette's past comes back with a vengeance. Will she face life head-on? Will she return to her old ways? Or will an unexpected letter decide her fate? "Simone's story is reminiscent of Sistah Souljah's groundbreaking The Coldest Winter Ever... a hard hitting tale of the inner city's unforiving streets." --Library Journal "Simone knows how to tell a story...and she can also bring the drama." --RT Book Reviews

No one expects a girl like Seven to snag a baller like Josiah—but love has a way of taking unexpected turns in this YA urban romance. Seven McKnight can rock Apple Bottoms jeans and stilettos like nobody's business, but she's got her share of issues. It's not easy being the thickest girl in her school's popular clique, or hiding the fact that her twin sister is playing wify to the neighborhood thug. To make things worse, she's feelin' the school's hottest baller, Josiah—the guy who happens to be dating her high maintenance girlfriend, Deeyah. But when Deeyah decides to play Josiah and his worst enemy against each other, she'll have everyone facing off in the worst way. Once again, it's up to Seven to try and set things right. But she might just set herself up for a major heartbreak in the process. A YALSA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

They're the daughters of celebrities—the kind all the teen mags gossip about! But the It Girls of Hollywood High are about to discover that fame has a price. And no friendship—or romance—is safe. . . . London Phillips will diet as her mother demands. She'll even date the billionaire her mother has chosen for her. But she won't give up her secret hottie, Justice Banks. She and Justice plan to elope—right after he becomes a hip-hop superstar. All he has to do is seduce a media mogul's darling daughter, Rich Montgomery, and a record deal is his! But he better remember London is really his girl.

. . . Rich is so lucky to have a BFF like London. It was London who introduced her to dreamy Justice. Little does she know that her new heartthrob is about to cause a media explosion that will change this spoiled princess's life forever. . . . Spencer Ellington hates to see a billionaire go to waste. That's why she's hooking up with London's boyfriend, Anderson Ford. London may not be in love with Anderson, but she believes he'll do anything for her. Just wait till she finds out the only thing Anderson is doing is Spencer. . . . Heather Cummings wants in with the It Girls to secure the spotlight for her actress mother. But when she stumbles upon a secret about the father she never knew, she discovers she has ties to the clique so scandalous it may just bring Hollywood High's in-crowd to their knees!

"Simone tells authentic stories of teen life in the 'hood better than any other author currently writing contemporary YA street lit." --Library Journal on Teenage Love Affair (starred review) Canada's Prince Edward Island is home to one of the oldest and most vibrant fiddling traditions in North America. First established by Scottish immigrants in the late eighteenth century, it incorporated the influence of a later wave of Irish immigrants as well as the unique rhythmic sensibilities of the Acadian French, the Island's first European inhabitants. In Couldn't Have a Wedding without the Fiddler, renowned musician and folklorist Ken Perlman combines oral history, ethnography, and musical insight to present a captivating portrait of Prince Edward Island fiddling and its longstanding importance to community life. Couldn't Have a Wedding without the Fiddler draws heavily on interviews conducted with 150 fiddlers and other "Islanders"—including singers, dancers, music instructors, community leaders, and event organizers—whose memories span decades. The book thus colorfully brings to life a time not so very long ago when virtually any occasion—a wedding, harvest, house warming, holiday, or the need to raise money for local institutions such as schools and churches—was sufficient excuse to hold a dance, with the fiddle player at the center of the celebration. Perlman explores how fiddling skills and traditions were learned and passed down through the generations and how individual fiddlers honed their distinctive playing styles. He also examines the Island's history and material culture, fiddlers' values and attitudes, the role of radio and recordings, the fiddlers' repertoire, fiddling contests, and the ebb and flow of the fiddling tradition, including efforts over the last few decades to keep the music alive in the face of modernization and the passing of "old-timers." Rounding out the book is a rich array of photographs, musical examples, dance diagrams, and a discography. The inaugural volume in the Charles K. Wolfe American Music Series, Couldn't Have a Wedding without the Fiddler is, in the words of series editor Ted Olson, "clearly among the more significant studies of a local North American music tradition to be published in recent years." A highly regarded banjoist, guitarist, teacher, and music collector, Ken Perlman previously published a collection of over 400 tunes called The Fiddle Music of Prince Edward Island: Celtic & Acadian Tunes in Living Tradition; he also produced a 2-CD set of field recordings for Rounder Records called The Prince Edward Island Style of Fiddling.. He has written several music instruction manuals now regarded as classics in their field, notably Clawhammer Style Banjo, Melodic Clawhammer Banjo, and Fingerstyle Guitar.

Hot Girl

A True Life Journey

The Story of Traditional Fiddling on Prince Edward Island

Put Your Diamonds Up

*"Simone and Abrams really know how to bring the entertaining drama."*--RT Book Reviews *When the celebrity spotlight burns too hot to handle, Hollywood's elite Pampered Princesses battle for the ultimate crown. But once their secrets are exposed, who will be the last teen diva standing? She's finally free of her overbearing mother and too much heartbreak. Now supermodel London Phillips is going to get back her billionaire ex-on her own terms. But settling old scores and destroying her former bestie, Rich Montgomery, could wreck her best shot at happiness . . . After all the high-maintenance stunts she's pulled, Rich will do even worse to hang onto her thug in shining armor. But obsessive jealousy and an unexpected shocker will detonate mega-drama—and spiral her life way out of control . . . Dirty little secrets deployed for maximum damage are Spencer Ellington's specialty. But when she digs up her family's skeletons it could blow up in her pretty face—and destroy more than she imagined . . . Still reeling from betrayal and a crash-and-burn comeback, Heather Cummings has nada to lose. And if her reckless moves to become the ultimate queen-B lays total waste to the Pampered Princesses, may the most ruthless diva win . . .*

*A Sleeping Beauty may be the damsel in distress, but her White Knight? Why her rather un-knightish best friend of course. And the White Knight's White Knight? Well... none other than her reluctant mortal enemy. . .When Haydyn falls victim to the mysterious Sleeping Disease, the world of Phaedra is thrown into Chaos. Rogan, Haydyn's best friend and handmaiden, is the only one who can save her. Together, with the Royal Guard and their young Captain, Wolfe Stovia, Rogan must set off across the provinces to find the Somna Plant that will wake Haydyn from her dying sleep.Beset on all sides by the chaos, Rogan tumbles into a dark world of kidnapping, prejudice, betrayal and love... a journey that will change her forever, and a journey that will change their world forever, if she does not retrieve the cure.*

*The only thing more intense than teen love is a break-up with the uncertainty of a make-up. This exciting new series serves up two tales of love that will shake-up your assumptions of relationships. So buckle up, it's time to get real, learn to deal, and move on with this first volume of The Break-Up Diaries. Hot Boyz Ni-Ni Simone Chance Kennedy always gets what she wants, even if she has to bend the truth to do it. She's set her sights on extremely fine and college-bound Ahmad King, and she will do anything to become his girl. There's only one problem: she didn't count on love entering the picture. Now she's scrabbling to make things right before the tiny white lie she's told to lock down her guy blows up in everyone's face. Now, the girl with everything may lose it all. . . The Boy Trap Kelli*

*London Pretty, popular, and with mad potential, Gabrielle Newton is, hands down, the girl to know. But Gabrielle only has time for Tyler Scott, Lakeview High's hottest new athlete. He's the golden ticket to her dream: becoming an NBA star's pampered wife. But when Gabrielle plays Tyler one time too many, suddenly more than their relationship is on the line . . .*

*A two-in-one edition of the critically acclaimed Hot Girl and Bad Boy by Dream Jordan. What's a Brooklyn Girl to do when her best friend is away for the whole summer? Don't ask Kate, because she has no idea. Aimless, and unhappy with her new foster mother, Kate falls into the hands of a stylist, "It Chick" who whips her into fashionable shape. Armed with new confidence, and a game plan to get her man, Kate quickly falls under her new bestie's bad influence. And she becomes reckless in her pursuits. Can Kate get her life back on the right track—or is it already too late? One year later, Kate's fantasy life of having the perfect family comes to an abrupt end when she is suddenly forced to return to the group home, a place she's fought so hard to avoid. Alone and vulnerable, Kate falls for the ever so gorgeous Percy who treats her well at first, but soon a cycle of controlling and abusive behavior begins. Kate finds herself trapped and unable to be the strong, independent girl she's tried to be her whole life. Will she be able to escape Percy's clutches? Told through Kate's witty, fearless point of view, Hot Girl and Bad Boy are powerful stories from an important voice in young adult fiction.*

*Riding the Bus with My Sister*

*Hollywood High*

*Love Me or Miss Me*

*Chasing Faith*

In the explosive finale to the epic romantic saga, Bella has one final choice to make. Should she stay mortal and strengthen her connection to the werewolves, or leave it all behind to become a vampire? When you loved the one who was killing you, it left you fight, when doing so would hurt that beloved one? If your life was all you had to give, how could you not give it? If it was someone you truly loved? To be irrevocably in love with a vampire is both fantasy and nightmare woven into a dangerously heightened world by her intense passion for Edward Cullen, and in another by her profound connection to werewolf Jacob Black, a tumultuous year of temptation, loss, and strife have led her to the ultimate turning point. Her imminent choice to either join the dark but seductive human life has become the thread from which the fates of two tribes hangs. This astonishing, breathlessly anticipated conclusion to the Twilight Saga illuminates the secrets and mysteries of this spellbinding romantic epic. It's here! #1 bestselling author St world of Twilight with the highly anticipated companion, Midnight Sun: the iconic love story of Bella and Edward told from the vampire's point of view. "People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -- Time "A Times

Seventeen-year-old Zsa-Zsa is torn between her current boyfriend, who is abusive, and her first love, Malachi.

Secret Service Agent Christian Ware's no-strings-attached affair with her boss is no longer working for her. Although she now has a life that most would envy, she's not happy. But her life takes a sudden, unexpected turn when she starts a new assignment in minister who's also a Democratic presidential candidate. Determined to turn a new leaf and establish a relationship with God, Christian goes to Atlanta, where the Stokes's campaign is based. But when she finds herself falling for the Reverend's sexy son, Christian must turn to a greater power to see her through this latest challenge. . .

Simone tells authentic stories of teen life in the 'hood better than any other author currently writing contemporary YA street lit. --Library Journal on Teenage Love Affair (starred review) True story: I'm Gem, G-E-M, like a precious jewel, and my life has been since I was nine and now I'm sixteen. But so what. I'm good, and so is my little brother. So why the state won't let us do our own thing is beyond me. Instead, we've been forced to live with a foster family who wants to love us, but I'm not beat--I'm just trying to check for this guy, Ny'eem. But my new clique has an unbreakable rule--no boyz allowed to come between our friendship--which is forcing me to keep my relationship with Ny'eem a secret. Though not for long. . .because in high school secrets are always friendships are never what they seem. . . . "Excitement, drama, and life lessons. . . . Upgrade U is sure to be a classic." --A.J. Byrd, author of Losing Romeo "A new series with a pair of drama-fueled stories about girls looking for love in all the wrong ways." --P

Get Ready for War

Crazy Love

The Handmaid's Tale

Stone Cold Touch

***While an increasingly empowered London defies her controlling mother's manipulation, Rich is exposed for her escalating lies and Heather relapses into bad habits that challenge her successful comeback. Original. Simultaneous eBook.***

***Life is poppin' and seventeen-year-old Seven McKnight is rockin' Stiles University's hottest baller, Josiah Whitaker, on her arm when it all falls apart. With groupies threatening her basketball wife status and Josiah's dreams of the NBA blowing up his ego, Seven finds herself in a tailspin. . .should she stay or leave? In steps the unbelievably fine sophomore heartthrob, Zaire St. James, who's been watching Seven and waiting for his chance. With Josiah doing his own thing, Seven finds herself falling for Zaire. But just when she decides to give Zaire her everything, Josiah becomes determined to win Seven back by any means necessary. . . Praise for Ni-Ni Simone "Ni-Ni Simone's fast-paced writing keeps me coming back for more." --L. Divine, author of the Drama High series "Simone tells authentic stories of teen life in the 'hood better than any other author currently writing contemporary YA street lit. Spiced with plenty of Simone's trademark humor." --Library Journal on Teenage Love Affair "Urban teen readers may recognize their friends and themselves in the language, music and feel of this fluffy-but-fun read." --Kirkus Reviews on If I Was Your Girl***

***A college girl is caught between a beautiful future and tender memories of the past in this YA urban romance novel by the author of Shortie Like Mine. Freshman year at Stiles University had eighteen-year-old Seven McKnight in a tug of war for her heart. And her sophomore year promised more of the same. She'd sworn off her ex-boyfriend, Josiah Whitaker and moved on with her new guy, Zaire St. James. But then Josiah boldly stepped back into her life—as tempting as ever. Caught off guard and thrust into a whirlwind of emotion, Seven no longer knows if she should stay or go. All she knows is that old feelings won't die, her new love is being ruined by lies, and the fairy tale she once dreamed of may never come true.***

***Teenage single mother Toi McKnight struggles to balance school, her job, and taking care of her young son, and she finds herself immersed in more drama when she falls in love with Harlem, a man who refuses to date teenage mothers.***

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***True Story***

***Dear Yvette***

Hakeem has a hard time adjusting when, due to his father's sickness, Hakeem and his family must move in with his uncle in distant Detroit, especially when he has to share his room with his moody cousin Savon.

Check it: I'm Zsa-Zsa. Some call me arrogant, but I call it confidence. You decide when you find out what I'm working with. First things first--I'm seventeen, but I'm grown and have been for a long time. I have my own ride, my mama doesn't clock my time, and my boyfriend, Ameen, is getting money like you wouldn't believe. There's only one problem: when Ameen gets mad, sometimes he takes his anger out on me. And yeah, maybe I could leave him, but there's no way Ameen could imagine being without me. So now I'm all confused, especially since my first love, Malachi, is back in my life. Ameen is not giving up without a fight, and no matter how hard I try, the love I have for Malachi won't go away. And did I mention that Malachi has a girl? Needless to say, my days are filled with drama. So this is my story and you need to come and chill with me as I try and see what boy is for me, what love is all about, and if my first teenage love affair will forever rule or ruin my life. Praise for Ni-Ni Simone "Urban teen readers may recognize their friends and themselves in the language, music and feel of this fluffy-but-fun read." --Kirkus Reviews on If I Was Your Girl "Ni-Ni Simone's fast-paced writing keeps me coming back for more." --L. Divine, author of the Drama High series

If everyone wants to say I'm trippin', well, that's their problem... If you saw my boo Sincere, you'd totally understand why I've dropped everything—even my besties--to be with him 24/7. After that, what girl wouldn't do whatever it takes to show her first-ever boyfriend she's all he could ever want? I know I'm a prize, but relationships are tough enough when you're just a high school senior, so I've really had to up my game to keep a college freshman like Sincere interested. And if that means hacking his cell and following him everywhere, I'm down. Because I just know what we have is for always. And I'm going to prove it, no matter how far I have to go. . "Hot and poppin' with drama and life lessons. The world of teen lit has never seen anything like this before!"--Ni-Ni Simone Amir Abrams is a regular dude with a dream. Born in Brooklyn, Amir has a thing for fresh kicks, fly whips, and all things Polo. For Amir, writing teen fiction was never something he imagined himself doing until he started working with Ni-Ni Simone on Hollywood High. Now, he's amped about the endless possibilities. Amir hopes to be an inspiration to others and is determined to make a difference in the lives of teens everywhere.

Explosive rumors and a mega-media frenzy almost ended the Pampered Princesses' reign as Hollywood High royalty. Now only one diva can win the ultimate fame of thrones... London Phillips is keeping her billionaire boyfriend close—and her secrets closer--by pretending to play her mother's game. But the rules dramatically change when her ex-boo, Justice Banks, ends up in the arms of her best friend. . . One lie too many cost spoiled Rich Montgomery her one true love. No problem--finding a new man is what she does best. But a certain bad boy's drama is more dangerous than she ever imagined. . . . Fresh out of rehab, teen star Heather Cummings has Hollywood High's newest hottie dead in her party-girl sights. And unexpected news could fulfill all her dreams--or shatter them for good. . . Spencer Ellington wants revenge. And making alliances with her ex-frenemy and her biggest enemy is a small price to pay to expose everyone's dirty little deceptions--and conquer Hollywood High's powerful in-crowd once and for all. . . "The girls and the secondary characters of Hollywood High are never shy of drama." --APOO Book Club

Slumber

Billboard

Divas Don't Cry

A Novel

***Lesson #1: You come for me, I come back even harder for you. Fair exchange. No robberies. Isis Carter got schooled early on in surviving the streets. When some girls put a beatdown on her, she took back what was hers. When her brother was killed and her mom, Queenie, bailed, Isis fought to stay strong. And when her dad abandoned her for his new family, sixteen-year-old Isis buried the hurt by looking out for herself—and hookin’ up with bad boy Fresh...until a run-in with the law shatters Isis’s world and threatens to destroy her future. Now the only person Isis can rely on is herself...until her secret crush K-Rock steps in. But when Isis lets her guard down, will she be given a second chance to get her life straight or will it cost her everything?***

***A “heartwarming, life-affirming” memoir of a relationship with an intellectually disabled sibling: “Read this book. It might just change your life” (Boston Herald). Beth is a spirited woman with an intellectual disability who lives intensely and often joyfully, and spends most of her days riding the buses in Pennsylvania. The drivers, a lively group, are her mentors; her fellow passengers, her community—though some display less patience or kindness than others. Her sister, Rachel, a teacher and writer, camouflages her emotional isolation by leading a hyperbusy life. But one day, Beth asks Rachel to accompany her on public transportation for an entire year—and Rachel accepts. This wise, funny, deeply affecting book is the chronicle of that remarkable time, as Rachel learns how to live in the moment, how to pay attention to what really matters, how to change, how to love—and how to slow down and enjoy the ride. Weaving in anecdotes and memories of terrifying maternal abandonment, fierce sisterly loyalty, and astonishing forgiveness, Rachel Simon brings to light a world that is almost invisible to many people, finds unlikely heroes in everyday life, and, without sentimentality, wrestles with her own limitations and portrays Beth as the endearing, feisty, independent person she is. “With tenderness and fury, heartbreak and acceptance. . . . Simon comes to the inescapable conclusion that we are all riders on the bus, and on the bus we are all the same.” —Jacquelyn Mitchard, author of The Deep End of the Ocean***

***A high school beauty is out to save her troubled family when she meets a hip-hop Prince Charming in this YA urban Cinderella story. She's got a voice like Keisha Cole and attitude to burn. She's the body-rockin', Bebe-sporting girl everyone in her high school wants to be—or be with. But behind her picture-perfect image, sixteen-year-old Elite has a crack-addicted mother, no father in sight, and is secretly raising her sister and two brothers on her own. Now a radio contest has put her up-close-and-personal with mega-hot singer Haneef and their chemistry is too sizzling for Elite to stop pretending. As the clock ticks down fast for this 'hood Cinderella, she has only one shot to save her family and make all of her dreams come true.***

***It's summertime in Bed-Stuy "Do or Die" Brooklyn, and Kate is feeling down in the dumps. Not only is she tired of her raggedy, tomboy image, but she's also missing her best friend, Felicia, who's away for the summer. Lonely and not exactly***

*getting along with her new foster mother, Lynn, Kate so badly wants to be out and about, twirling pretty, and partying---and maybe catching the attention of her longtime crush, Charles. Opportunity knocks one hot summer day when fly-girl Naleejah struts her stuff straight up to Kate and takes a seat. Full of smiles, Naleejah tells Kate that she remembers her from school, but Kate can't remember ever having such a fabulous chick trying to befriend her. Kate's suspicion turns to trust once Naleejah gives her a much-needed makeover. Now a brand-new Kate suddenly has the attention of her dream boy. But is Naleejah checking for him, too? Against Kate's better judgment, she ignores the warning signs, and continues to let Naleejah lead her down a treacherous path. Soon, what seems like a fun and exciting summer ends up being a harsh reality check. Now Kate must decide how to get back on the right track . . . or is it already too late?*

*Every Last Breath*

*Short Stories*

*Upgrade U*

*Breaking Dawn*

*The second novel in the Bluford Series.*

*Some loves will last 'til your dying breath Every choice has consequences—but seventeen-year-old Layla faces tougher choices than most. Light or darkness. Wickedly sexy demon prince Roth, or Zayne, the gorgeous, protective Warden she never thought could be hers. Hardest of all, Layla has to decide which side of herself to trust. Layla has a new problem, too. A Lilin—the deadliest of demons—has been unleashed, wreaking havoc on those around her...including her best friend. To keep Sam from a fate much, much worse than death, Layla must strike a deal with the enemy while saving her city—and her race—from destruction. Torn between two worlds and two different boys, Layla has no certainties, least of all survival, especially when an old bargain comes back to haunt them all. But sometimes, when secrets are everywhere and the truth seems unknowable, you have to listen to your heart, pick a side—and then fight like hell...*

*As Layla's half-demon, half-gargoyle powers evolve, the demon prince Roth returns to bring her news that could change her world forever.*

*Shortie Like Mine*

*Lights, Love & Lip Gloss*

*No Boyz Allowed*