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New York Times bestselling author Mary Monroe presents an unforgettable tale featuring the rebellious early years of Mama Ruby, the indomitable heroine of her acclaimed novel *The Upper Room*. Growing up in Shreveport, Louisiana, Ruby Jean Upshaw is the kind of girl who knows what she wants and knows how to get it. By the time she's fifteen, Ruby has a taste for fast men and cheap liquor, and not even her preacher daddy can set her straight. Only Othella Mae Cartier, daughter of the town tramp, understands what makes Ruby tick. When Ruby

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discovers she's in the family way, she's scared for the first time in her life. After hiding her growing belly, Ruby secretly gives birth to a baby girl at Othella's house. Othella talks Ruby into giving the child away—and with the help of a shocking revelation, convinces Ruby to run off with her to New Orleans. But nothing can erase Ruby's memories of her child--or quell her simmering rage at Othella for persuading her to let her precious baby go. Someday there will be a reckoning. And Othella will learn that no one knows how to exact revenge quite like Ruby Jean Upshaw. . . .

At the request of her readers, Kimberla Lawson Roby is giving another airing to one of her most popular characters, Curtis Black, who was introduced in *Casting the First Stone* and who continued his escapades in *Too Much*

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of a Good Thing. Kimberla Lawson Roby's readers can't get enough of the Reverend Curtis Black, that self-justifying, greedy, womanizing flimflam man who is one of the biggest rascals ever to step into a church. In this outing, Curtis is starting over. He has a new job and a new wife, and of course he's convinced himself that this time he'll be good. But Curtis hasn't ever made a promise he could keep, and before long, he's up to his old tricks. The difference now is his third wife. She's unlike any woman Curtis has met before. And for the first time in his life, Curtis just might have met his match. Watch the sparks fly!

“It's a good thing that this is only the first book of a trilogy, because after getting to know Tabitha, you won't want to leave her at the end. . . .

Written intimately as if you're peering

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into the mind of a close friend, this book is a true testament to the stresses on women today and how great girlfriends (and grandmothers) are often the key to our sanity.” – Good Morning America

The first novel in a captivating three-book series about modern womanhood, in which a young Black woman must rely on courage, laughter, and love—and the support of her two longtime friends—to overcome an unexpected setback that threatens the most precious thing she’s ever wanted. Tabitha Walker is a black woman with a plan to “have it all.” At 33 years old, the checklist for the life of her dreams is well underway. Education? Check. Good job? Check. Down payment for a nice house? Check. Dating marriage material? Check, check, and check. With a coveted position as a local

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news reporter, a "paper-perfect" boyfriend, and even a standing Saturday morning appointment with a reliable hairstylist, everything seems to be falling into place. Then Tabby receives an unexpected diagnosis that brings her picture-perfect life crashing down, jeopardizing the keystone she took for granted: having children. With her dreams at risk of falling through the cracks of her checklist, suddenly she is faced with an impossible choice between her career, her dream home, and a family of her own. With the help of her best friends, the irreverent and headstrong Laila and Alexis, the mom jeans-wearing former "Sexy Lexi," and the generational wisdom of her grandmother and the nonagenarian firebrand Ms. Gretchen, Tabby explores the reaches of modern medicine and tests the limits of her

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relationships, hoping to salvage the future she always dreamed of. But the fight is all consuming, demanding a steep price that forces an honest reckoning for nearly everyone in her life. As Tabby soon learns, her grandmother's age-old adage just might still be true: Black girls must die exhausted.

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Pearl Cleage's *Just Wanna Testify* and a *Till You Hear from Me* discussion guide. From the acclaimed Pearl Cleage, author of *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day . . .* and *Seen It All and Done the Rest*, comes an Obama-era romance featuring a cast of unforgettable characters. Just when it appears that all her hard work on Barack Obama's presidential campaign is about to pay off with a White House job, thirty-five-

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year-old Ida B. Wells Dunbar finds herself on Washington, D.C. 's post-election sidelines even as her twentysomething counterparts overrun the West Wing. Adding to her woes, her father, the Reverend Horace A. Dunbar, Atlanta civil rights icon and self-described "foot soldier for freedom," is notoriously featured on an endlessly replayed YouTube clip in which his pronouncements don ' t exactly jibe with the new era in American politics. The Rev ' s stinging words and myopic views don ' t sound anything like the man who raised Ida to make her mark in the world. When friends call to express their concern, Ida realizes it ' s time to head home and see for herself what ' s going on. Besides, with her job prospects growing dimmer, getting out of D.C. for a while might be the smartest move

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she could make. Back in her old West End neighborhood, Ida runs into childhood friend and smooth political operator Wes Harper, also in town to pay a visit to the Reverend Dunbar, his mentor. Ida doesn't trust Wes or his mysterious connections for one second, but she can't deny her growing attraction to him. While Ida and the Rev try to find the balance between personal loyalties and political realities, they must do some serious soul searching in order to get things back on track before Wes permanently derails their best laid plans.

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The Best-Kept Secret

Marcus Garvey and the Vision of Africa

The Black Rose

The Last Promise

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After being dumped by her long-time boyfriend, Carmen DuPr decides that she will use her beauty to get whatever she wants, until a medical crisis forces her to choose between her looks and her survival and a handsome stranger sets out to teach a valuable lesson in faith, hope, and love. Original.

Here is New York Times bestselling author Eric Jerome Dickey's debut novel, a celebration of Black sisterhood hailed by Essence as one of the

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“50 Most Impactful Black Books Of The Last 50 Years”. Valerie, Inda, and Chiquita are three women looking for love in Los Angeles. Valerie became the perfect wife to please her husband, Walter, whose football career has gone nowhere—along with their marriage. Then she meets Daniel. Valerie's divorced sister, Inda, has Raymond, who has a hot body, smooth moves—and another girlfriend on the side. Now Inda's scheming to get even. After telling her last

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**boyfriend to hit the road,
Chiquita takes up with
Thaddeus, Inda and
Valerie's irresistible
brother. Has Chiquita
finally found a good man?
Sexy and in-your-face,
Sister, Sister depicts a
modern world where
woman may have to alter
their dreams, yet never
stop embracing
tomorrow. "Brimms with
humor, outrageousness,
and
affection." —Publishers
Weekly
The final novel in the
Nappily trilogy! Nappily**

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Every After now a NETFLIX ORIGINAL movie starring Sanaa Lathan. Airic and his famous televangelist wife, Trevelle Doval, make the evening news when Airic is accused of domestic battery and his life is suddenly turned upside down. But when Venus and Jake try to suspend Airic's visitation rights with Mya, they discover that Airic isn't willing to go down without a fight. Meanwhile, Jake's best friend, Legend, turns up on his doorstep with

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trouble not far behind. The past is back with a vengeance, including blackmail, murder and enemies who are looking for payback. But everything takes a dangerous new turn when Venus goes missing. For Jake it's now a race against time to save the woman he loves. From the New York Times bestselling author of Noel Street comes a rich and all-too-human novel about the tragedy and triumph of love... Years ago, a sweet girl from

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Utah was swept off her feet by a handsome Italian. Today, the sweet girl from Utah is a wife and mother living in Italy. And she's about to be swept off her feet all over again...

**The Burkina Faso Revolution, 1983-1987
72 Hour Hold**

**Would I Lie to You?
Drama Is Her Middle Name**

**The Ritz Harper
Chronicles Vol. 1**

The sequel to Nappily Ever After, which is now a NETFLIX ORIGINAL movie starring Sanaa

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Lathan. Venus Johnston debuted with brazen personality and spirited humor in Nappily Ever After as she searched for the holy grail of marriage. Blessed with a beautiful baby daughter and a husband who is a former rap star with his own multi-million-dollar clothing company, her long journey to find love has finally come to fruition. But life as a stay-at-home wife and mother is hardly the end of the rainbow. In fact she's ready to do anything to jump start the career she's put on the back burner for the last two years. Against her good sense and her husband's wishes, she applies for a high profile PR job to help save a struggling city hospital manned by none other than her former boyfriend, Dr.

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Clint Fairchild, the very one and same who dumped her and married long-silky haired bombshell, Kandi Treboe. Venus soon finds out the two women are vying for the same job. This time competition between she and her old nemesis turns into a battle Venus is determined to win by any means necessary. With an unhappy hubby at home, a nanny who's becoming mommy in her child's eyes, while forming an uncomfortably close relationship with her husband, and a deviant at work sabotaging the hospital, Venus may have taken on much more than she can handle. Black people are not dark-skinned white people, says advertising visionary Tom Burrell. In fact, they are a lot

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more. They are survivors of the Middle Passage and centuries of humiliation and deprivation, who have excelled against the odds, constantly making a way out of no way! At this point in history, the idea of black inferiority sh... Amy Jacques Garvey worked closely with her husband, Marcus Garvey, throughout his crusade. Here she gives an insider detailed account of Garvey, Garveyism, and this nascent period of Black Nationalism. Like all great dreamers and planners, Marcus Garvey dreamed and planned ahead of his time and his peoples' ability to understand the significance of his life's work. A set of circumstances, mostly created by the world colonial powers, crushed this dreamer,

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but not his dreams. Due to the persistence and years of sacrifice of Mrs. Amy Jacques Garvey, widow of Marcus Garvey, a large body of work by and about this great nationalist leader has been preserved and can be made available to a new generation of black people who have the power to turn his dreams into realities. Fortysomething and still single, music-video exec Pia Jamison has given up her grandiose ideas on men and marriage but not motherhood. Her biological clock is on red alert, but after years of self-imposed celibacy she has no clue how to attract the man she needs to get the baby she wants. Help comes in the form of Pia's savvy assistant, who tricks her boss into attending, under the

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guise of a business conference, a flirting workshop called Weapons of Mass Seduction. There Pia meets other women looking to amp up their amorous arsenals, including the devastated Texas belle Florence Chase, who's trying to save her failing marriage; and Rebecca Vossel, a twenty-two-year-old small-town biracial girl who's dying to release her inner diva. What they learn about the art of sensuality and flirtation turns them into bona fide bombshells. The three return home, armed and deliciously dangerous, to spectacular results. Florence reunites with her husband, but the new and improved Flo must now determine if she's staying in her marriage out of happiness or

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habit. The plain Jane Rebecca has transformed herself into the super-sexed “Becca,” but will she realize when she’s gone to far? And Pia is happily pregnant but unexpectedly falls in love—not with the father of her unborn child but with a sexy and very conservative candidate for the U.S. Senate. Weapons of Mass Seduction is a fun and sexy book (think of it as a flirting workshop within a novel) that promises to unleash the sensual woman in you!

Midnight and the Meaning of Love

Nappily Married

*It's Not All Downhill From Here
Mama Ruby*

Waking with Enemies

□ Kimberla Lawson Roby is a true

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writer, a storyteller at the top of her game. □ Eric Jerome Dickey Alicia Black is back! The pampered, privileged daughter of the irrepressible scoundrel Rev. Curtis Black and protagonist of Kimberla Lawson Roby's New York Times bestseller *The Best of Everything*, Alicia makes her triumphant return in *Be Careful What You Pray For*. Alicia is newly remarried, to a man of the cloth who unfortunately mirrors far-too-closely her rascally dad. The Reverend Black himself, star of *Sin No More*, *Too Much of a Good Thing*, and other popular Roby novels, co-stars in *Be Careful What You Pray For*—a tale of love and ambition that once again deals with important issues as it tells a

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witty, moving, page-turning story, a bestselling combination that is a Kimberla Lawson Roby hallmark. In words and photographs, "Power to the People" is the story of the controversial Black Panther Party, founded 50 years ago in 1966 by Bobby Seale and Huey P. Newton. The words are Seale's, with contributions by other former party members; the photographs, including many icons of the 1960s, are by Stephen Shames, who also interviewed many other members of the party including Kathleen Cleaver, Elbert Big Man Howard, Ericka Huggins, Emory Douglas, and William Billy X Jennings and supplements his own photography with Panther ephemera and graphic

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art. Shames, a student at the University of California, Berkeley, first encountered and photographed Seale in April 1967 at an anti Vietnam War rally. Seale became a mentor to Shames, and Shames, in turn, the most trusted photographer to the party, remained by Seale's side through his campaign for mayor of Oakland in 1973. "Power to the People" is a testament to their warm association: At its heart are Shames's memorable images, accompanied by Seale's colorful in-depth commentary culled from many hours of conversation. Admired, reviled, emulated, misunderstood, the Black Panther Party was one of the most creative and influential responses to racism

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and inequality in American history. They advocated armed self-defense to counter police brutality, and initiated a program of patrolling the police with shotguns and law books. Published on the 50th anniversary of the party's founding, "Power to the People" is the in-depth chronicle of the only radical political party in America to make a difference in the struggle for civil rights the Black Panther Party." The second book in a 3 volume set, this is a companion volume to African Origins of the Major Western Religions and The Need for a Black Bible. An invaluable resource for anyone seeking to gain a better understanding of belief systems in the Western world.

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At long last, the Reverend Curtis Black appears to be on the straight and narrow. The all-too-human preacher is a bestselling author now, and he and his wife, Charlotte, are raising two adorable children. But the ever-suspicious Charlotte doesn't trust that Curtis has put his womanizing past behind him. While he's on the road promoting his latest book, she knows that there needs to be just one extra-devoted fan in his flock for him to stray. Charlotte is no angel herself, and she's been keeping plenty of secrets from Curtis while he's been away. Still, Charlotte believes with all her heart that things will be better once Curtis is home again, although she should be careful

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what she wishes for since love may not be enough to untangle the web of lies she and Curtis have woven for themselves. And in the end, she'll have some tough decisions to make if she wants to salvage her marriage.

Postcards from Venus

Nappily in Bloom

Nappily Faithful

Power to the People

What Passes as Love

***A RECOMMENDED BOOK OF 2019
FROM Vanity Fair * Vogue * The
Huffington Post A stunning collection
of fiction, diary entries, screenplays,
and scripts by the brilliant African-
American artist and filmmaker
Relatively unknown during her life,
the artist, filmmaker, and writer***

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*Kathleen Collins emerged on the literary scene in 2016 with the posthumous publication of the short story collection **Whatever Happened to Interracial Love?** Said Zadie Smith, “To be this good and yet to be ignored is shameful, but her rediscovery is a great piece of luck for us.” That rediscovery continues in **Notes from a Black Woman’s Diary**, which spans genres to reveal the breadth and depth of the late author’s talent. The compilation is anchored by more of Collins’s short stories, which, striking and powerful in their brevity, reveal the ways in which relationships are both formed and come undone. Also collected here is the work Collins wrote for the screen and stage: the screenplay of her film **Losing Ground**,*

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in which a professor discovers that the student film she's agreed to act in has uncomfortable parallels to her own life; and the script for The Brothers, a play about the potent effects of sexism and racism on a midcentury middle-class black family. And finally, it is in Collins's raw and prescient diaries that her nascent ideas about race, gender, marriage, and motherhood first play out on the page. Kathleen Collins's writing brings to life vibrant characters whose quotidian concerns powerfully illuminate the particular joys, challenges, and heartbreaks rendered by the African-American experience. By turns empowering, exuberant, sexy, and poignant, Notes from a Black Woman's Diary is a brilliant compendium of an inimitable

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talent, and a rich portrait of a writer hard at work.

NOW A NETFLIX ORIGINAL FILM STARRING SANAA LATHAN *What happens when you toss tradition out the window and really start living for yourself? Venus Johnston has a great job, a beautiful home, and a loving live-in boyfriend named Clint, who happens to be a drop-dead gorgeous doctor. She also has a weekly beauty-parlor date with Tina, who keeps Venus's long, processed hair slick and straight. But when Clint--who's been reluctant to commit over the past four years--brings home a puppy instead of an engagement ring, Venus decides to give it all up. She trades in her long hair for a dramatically short, natural cut and sends Clint packing. It's a*

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bold declaration of independence--one that has effects she never could have imagined. Reactions from friends and coworkers range from concern to contempt to outright condemnation. And when Clint moves on and starts dating a voluptuous, long-haired beauty, Venus is forced to question what she really wants out of life. With wit, resilience, and a lot of determination, she finally learns what true happiness is--on her own terms. Told with style, savvy, and humor, Nappily Ever After is a novel that marks the debut of a fresh new voice in fiction.

Under Sankara's leadership, the revolutionary government of Burkina Faso in West Africa mobilized peasants, workers, women, and youth

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to carry out literacy and immunization drives; to sink wells, plant trees, build dams, erect housing; to combat the oppression of women and transform exploitative relations on the land; to free themselves from the imperialist yoke and solidarize with others engaged in that fight internationally. Sankara speaks as an outstanding revolutionary leader of working people and youth the world over. Second edition includes a new introduction by editor Michel Prairie, foreword, maps, chronology and glossary, as well as an index. Thirty-two page photo section features many unpublished photos of the Burkina Faso revolution. Of the first edition, published by Pathfinder in 1988, Victoria Brittain wrote in the London

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Guardian, "The courage and originality which made him and Burkina Faso the inspiration they were to so many Africans shine out of this collection of his most important speeches." "The originality of Sankara's ideas along with his awareness of the social and economic realities of his country, his understanding of the international relations of forces make this collection a highly useful tool. Expressed with passion and clarity, his views on the necessity of a new balance between the city and the countryside, on the crucial importance of the emancipation of women are in perfect keeping with the demands of the peoples of Africa today." "Le Monde diplomatique

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Bored and restless with her life, thirty-four-year-old African American Venus Johnson discovers new strength and power when she decides to quit coaxing her hair straight and proudly adopts a natural hairstyle.

Un-Nappily in Love

Selected Works of Kathleen Collins

The Black Man's Religion: The myth of Genesis and Exodus, and the exclusion of their African origins

Who Asked You?

Brainwashed

Souljah brings to her millions of fans an adventure about young, deep love, the ways in which people across the world express their love, and the lengths that they will go to have it.

Dell Fletcher is the Roadrunner, a black major-league baseball star who seems to have it all. He's married to his college

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sweetheart, Leah, and they have two children and a dream home in Los Angeles. But an injury has sidelined his hot career, and prescription medication and depression are pulling him into a downward spiral, leaving Leah feeling emotionally distanced and lonely. Their fighting escalates, and one night Dell commits an act of violence that changes the course of their lives forever. But Angel Lopez, the cop who arrests Dell, decides to take the law into his own hands. Determined to teach the famous athlete a lesson, he drives Dell to the worst part of town and tries to kick him out of the car. The men struggle and the car crashes. When Angel comes to, Dell is gone and no one knows if he's dead or alive. Leah is grateful when a guilt-stricken Angel offers to chase the media away from her home and help out around the house, "just until Dell comes home." She and her family

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grow to trust him, and Angel falls in love with the Roadrunner's lovely, grieving wife. Will Dell find his way home? Will Angel replace him? And what really happened that dark night the Roadrunner disappeared? From the Trade Paperback edition.

Bestselling author Eric Jerome Dickey's creations "have enough sultry self-confidence to suggest, at their best, a Prince song on paper" (The New York Times). Now, he puts a twist on the love triangle in this sexy, searing, and wise novel. Nicole made a bold move by dumping her fiance at the altar. From there, she's built a successful career, relocated north to Oakland, and fallen in love all over again—this time with a woman. But Nicole's still not entirely happy. Don't get her wrong—she likes what she has. It's just that she misses what she had. The question is, can she have it all?

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As she brings her ex back into her life and tests the boundaries between lovers, you'd better believe that the anger, jealousy, excitement, and passion of this triangle are going to run hot.... Nicole is playing with fire, not to mention the feelings of the two people who love her most in the world. How these three fascinating people handle this unusual and complex relationship makes for one of Dickey's most provocative and unforgettable novels. Fleeing the emotional baggage of their lives in Los Angeles, Venus and Jake move to Atlanta, only to have their troublesome past follow them, as they deal with a difficult pregnancy, Jake's role as a suspect in the killing of his accountant, and a nasty custody battle with the biological father of Venus's daughter Mya and his wife, a famed TV evangelist. Original. 35,000 first printing.

The World of the Black Panthers

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Love and Lies

Be Careful What You Pray For

Roadrunner

A Novel

Contract killer Gideon becomes the hunted in this “high-octane”* thriller from New York Times bestselling author Eric Jerome Dickey. A heated encounter in a London hotel room leaves international hit man Gideon waking up to a world where no one can be trusted. Because this time, someone's taken out a hit on him—and finding out who did it has him rethinking a dangerous past. Is it the man

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he left alive in Tampa, the cold beauty who taught him how to kill, the scorned woman he still desires, or an unknown enemy? One thing is for sure, Gideon will need his friends—and his enemies—to get out of this game alive.

The New York Times Bestseller Trina is eighteen and suffers from bi-polar disorder, making her paranoid, wild, and violent. Frightened by her own child, Keri searches for help, quickly learning that the mental health community can only offer her a seventy-

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two hour hold. After these three days Trina is off on her own again. Fed up with the bureaucracy and determined to save her daughter by any means necessary, Keri signs on for an illegal intervention known as The Program, a group of radicals who eschew the psychiatric system and model themselves after the Underground Railroad. In the upheaval that follows, she is forced to confront a past that refuses to stay buried, even as she battles to secure a future for her child. "A tightly woven, well-written story

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about mothers and daughters, highs and lows, ex-husbands and boyfriends.... Universally touching." —San Francisco Chronicle

Trinetta drops off her two young boys with her mother, Betty Jean - and then pulls a disappearing act. BJ is a sassy, pull-no-punches, trademark McMillan matriarch, and she already has her hands full picking up the slack for her other kids, coaching her best friend Tammy through her own tribulations and dealing with two feuding sisters, all while

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holding down a job as a hotel maid. Who Asked You? raises questions about how we care for one another and how we set limits for those we love when the demands are too great.

I was not always a white girl. I used to be just Charlotte. A person named Charlotte Halsey. But when I met Milo, when I fell in love with him, I became White, like a lit light bulb is white. In the mirror there is my skin the color of sand, hair the color of butter, eyes blue as seawater. Just so bleachy white I am practically clear. Milo is

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black, what they call “Black,” only not to me. To me he has mostly been just Milo. They say lovers can find each other just by using the sense of smell; that we are all really animals in that way, no different from dogs or deer. I know it’s true. I could find Milo blind in a room of men, the smell of him like pine trees in a snowy wind. I could pick him out just by the slow rising of his breath while he slept. So no, until this happened, up to the time of the assault, he was not black, not to me. He was Milo. He was my husband. -

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from Whitegirl As Kate Manning's riveting debut novel begins, a thirty-five-year-old white woman lies secluded in her home overlooking the Pacific, unable to speak, recovering from a violent assault that has nearly taken her life. Her husband, a famous black actor, is in jail for the crime. Is he guilty? She's not sure. She remembers nothing of the assault. Longing for answers, she sifts through the history of their life together, trying to determine how two people once so in love might find themselves

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so ruined. Charlotte Halsey and Milo Robicheaux met briefly in college in the 1970s, where she was a beautiful, troubled girl hungry for freedom, and he was the star athlete with Olympic dreams. Years later, when she is a successful model and he a famous sports hero turned actor, their paths cross again in New York City and they fall in love. But their marriage is soon fraught with tension. As Milo's celebrity skyrockets, motherhood ends Charlotte's career, leaving her increasingly alienated from

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the man she believed she knew so well. Jealousy and mistrust grow between them even as they strive to build a life together against increasing odds. A poignant anatomy of a marriage undone by the pressure of fame and the struggle for identity, *Whitegirl* is the arresting debut of a significant new voice in contemporary fiction.

Thomas Sankara Speaks

Nappily about Us

Garvey and Garveyism

Sister, Sister

Whitegirl

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •

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*After a sudden change of plans, a remarkable woman and her loyal group of friends try to figure out what she's going to do with the rest of her life—from Terry McMillan, the bestselling author of *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* and *Waiting to Exhale* NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY MARIE CLAIRE AND GOOD HOUSEKEEPING • “Poignant, funny and full of life, this is a balm for troubled times.”—People Loretha Curry's life is full. A little crowded sometimes, but full indeed. On the eve of her sixty-eighth birthday, she has a booming beauty-supply empire, a gaggle of lifelong friends, and a husband whose moves still surprise. True, she's carrying a few more pounds than she should be, but Loretha is not one of those women*

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who think her best days are behind her—and she's determined to prove wrong her mother, her twin sister, and everyone else with that outdated view of aging wrong. It's not all downhill from here. But when an unexpected loss turns her world upside down, Loretha will have to summon all her strength, resourcefulness, and determination to keep on thriving, pursue joy, heal old wounds, and chart new paths. With a little help from her friends, of course.

“One of the most exciting novels of the year . . . The dramatic story of Madam C.J. Walker, America's first black female millionaire.”—E. Lynn Harris
Born to former slaves on a Louisiana plantation in 1867, Madam C.J. Walker rose from poverty and indignity to become America's first black female millionaire, the head of a hugely

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successful beauty company, and a leading philanthropist in African American causes. Renowned author Alex Haley became fascinated by the story of this extraordinary heroine, and before his death in 1992, he embarked on the research and outline of a major novel based on her life. With The Black Rose, critically acclaimed writer Tananarive Due brings Haley's work to an inspiring completion. Blending documented history, vivid dialogue, and a sweeping fictionalized narrative, Tananarive Due paints a vivid portrait of this passionate and tenacious pioneer and the unforgettable era in which she lived. Praise for The Black Rose "An artfully framed page-turner."—Essence "An impressive accomplishment . . . Due's combination of historical study and fictional exploration endows this

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gripping tale with intimacy and emotional authenticity.”—The Miami Herald

Shock jock extraordinaire Wendy Williams lets loose with the first in a series of novels based on her alter ego, the divalicious radio DJ Ritz Harper. Ritz puts the s in shock and the g in gossip, and Drama is her middle name. Ritz is a suburban girl on the outside, but inside she's a hustler's hustler who's masterfully maneuvered her way into the spotlight after ruining the career of a well-respected newswoman (and former college friend). Ritz's "exclusive" rockets her to the top of the ratings, and she's rewarded with her very own show. Like a talking Venus flytrap, she verbally seduces her on-air guests, only to have them for lunch as she spews gossip about their lives. Ritz

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becomes the darling of the station's afternoon slot. But when Ritz goes from drive-time diva to drive-by victim, all she can think as she struggles to maintain consciousness is "Who did this to me?" Has Ritz bad-mouthed the wrong person? Has her signature cat-and-mouse "bomb drop" been dropped on her instead? Readers will salivate as they try to figure out where the fictional Ritz ends and the real-life Wendy begins.

Venus is ecstatic about her husband's new career as a movie star thanks to a role in a searing romantic drama with co-star Sirena Lassiter. Jake and Sirena's relationship, Venus quickly learns, goes back further than Jake wants to admit. Venus isn't happy when the new "it" team's hectic promotion schedule takes them to exotic locations while Venus must stay

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behind with a business to run and a daughter to raise. However, it's not long before Venus senses danger. When she receives advice from her one time arch enemy, Trevelle Doval the queen of late night evangelical TV, Venus, in her trademark style, decides to save her marriage by any means necessary. But when the paparazzi get involved, all hell breaks loose. Will Venus be able to keep her man or has she lost Jake forever?

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Lily Dove, Dahlia allows Timothy to believe she's white, with no family to speak of, and agrees to marry him. She knows the danger of being found out. She also knows she'll never have this chance at freedom again. Ensnared in the Ross mansion, Dahlia soon finds herself held captive in a different way--as the dutiful wife of a young plantation owner who has set his sights on a political future. But when Bo arrives on the estate in shackles, Dahlia decides to risk everything to save his life. With suspicions of her true identity growing and a bounty hunter not far

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behind, Dahlia must act fast or pay a devastating price. Spirited, successful Venus Johnston is back—in the long-awaited sequel to Nappily Ever After. Venus feels history repeating itself, and she's not loving it. She ended a relationship with Clint because he couldn't commit, cut off her long, processed hair, and started on a new path with a new boyfriend. But she's been with Airic for more than two years, and they still haven't set a wedding date. When a temporary project takes her to Los Angeles, Venus welcomes the opportunity to spend some time with her family in

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California and to see if a little absence makes Airic's heart grow fonder. But in L.A., savvy, ambitious Venus runs head-on into a new complication—the equally savvy and ambitious Jake Parsons, a former rap star turned clothing designer. Jake's as suave as he is successful, and ten years her junior. Venus's job is to create a marketing campaign for his urban wear. Jake's job, it seems, is to distract her from her long-distance romance with Airic. When Venus's mother is diagnosed with breast cancer, her entire world seems to crumble. Everything she thought would make her

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happy—her new look, her successful career, her fiancé—can't fix the sadness and emptiness she feels. But before she throws in the towel, she's offered one more chance, a chance for change, for growth, and maybe even for a new love. Will she take it? Or give in to the notion that her life will always be close but no cigar? Moving, romantic and inspiring, Would I Lie to You? is one woman's happy, lighthearted story of giving in instead of giving up. An edited collection of writings reflecting the life and work of Marcus Garvey offers essays by Garvey scholars, contemporaries,

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and critics including Robert Hill, Rupert Lewis, and W.E.B. DuBois.

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