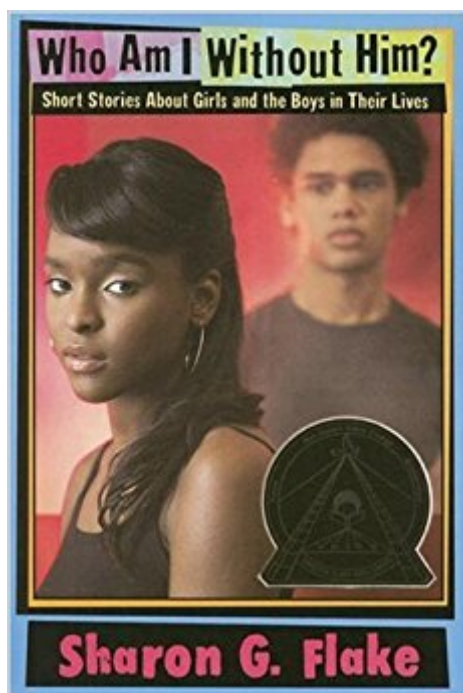


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Customer Reviews

Grade 7 Up-Written in the vernacular of urban African-American teens, which Flake captures flawlessly, these 10 stories have universal themes and situations. Some are funny and uplifting; others, disturbing and sad. In "So I Ain't No Good Girl," a teen wants to be with a good-looking popular boy, so much so that she tolerates his disrespect and abuse. In "Wanted: A Thug," Melody writes to a columnist for advice on how to steal a friend's boyfriend, unaware that the friend is the columnist's younger sister. Two of the stories are told from a boy's point of view. The concluding story, "A Letter to My Daughter," in which an absent father gives his daughter his advice about boys and men is sad, poignant, and loving. Flake has a way of teaching a lesson without seeming to do so. Addressing issues and situations that many girls face in today's often complex society, this book is provocative and thought-provoking. Mary N. Oluonye, Shaker Heights Public Library, OH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text

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Starred Review Gr. 6-12. Hilarious and anguished, these 10 short stories about growing up black today speak with rare truth about family, friends, school, and especially about finding a boyfriend. Erika is a "ghetto girl" who likes white boys; she can't help it, and the other black kids in school can't stand her, because they know. Class is a big issue for Erin, who steals clothes so he can take a suburban girl to the homecoming dance. The church girls are forbidden to date, and they get hurt when they go hunting for boys. But their well-meaning parents don't have it right, and the girls won't stop looking. As with Janet MacDonald's fiction, the talk here is wild, angry, and outrageous, but there's no overt sex or obscenity. Yes, there are messages, but the narrative is never preachy or uplifting; it's honest about the pain. When one girl's boyfriend hits her, she apologizes "just like my momma does when daddy slaps her." The best advice comes from a dad who abandoned his family, who now tells his teenage daughter how to avoid getting stuck with someone like him ("you is so much more than a pretty face and a tight pair of jeans, some boy's girlfriend or some man's wife"). Not everyone makes it. The stories work because Flake never denies the truths of poverty, prejudice, and failure. Hazel Rochman Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This collection of short stories addresses issues teenagers face in a very real way. I looked over the Table of Contents before I began to read and wondered which story I'd like the most. After reading "Jacobs' Rules", which teaches a very important lesson about relationships, I thought I found it. But "A Letter to My Daughter" turned out to be my favorite. It took a lot of courage for Alicia's absentee father to write this letter; teaching her about boys, and, more importantly, admitting he fell short when he was with her mother. Any girl who receives a letter like this from her dad, absentee or not, has a dad who truly loves her, and she should certainly heed his advice. The author did a good job with these stories; some sad, and others thought-provoking or entertaining. Whether male or female, teens should read this book.

Must read book for African American girls. This book teaches self-worth but it also teaches about the dangers related to dating.

Bought for my niece who is an avid reader. She says she loved it! Also bought it for my neighbors granddaughter who also loves to read, She says she loved it! If they'll continue to read, I'll continue

to buy! I'm ecstatic about young people who love to read,

Sharon Flake takes the spin on teenage relationships to a new level in this unique book on young love. Unlike some books which simplify adolescent relationships as mere infatuations or persistent melodrama this takes a look at all of the complicated reasons both men and women might enter a destructive relationship. Not afraid of controversy, Flake explores teen pregnancy, abusive boyfriends, dead beat dads, back stabbing best friends, the rich/poor dichotomy and how all of it can affect a teenager's life. Each of the characters are faced with the question of who they are without "the man" in question in their life ...and the answers will surprise you. If you are a teacher and are looking for high interest read alouds that can be finished in a couple of periods, this is ideal. My students were on the edge of their seats and begged me not to stop reading. They all became devoted fans of Sharon Flake and several cheated and bought the book when I refused! It just is to show you how much it made them in love with story telling!

I enjoyed the stories very much. But all the stories represent fast girls in my opinion and fast girls will probably be attended when reading Sharon's stories. But her stories should not have to be taken to the head like that. All her stories are filled with interesting true life stories. This is my review

Entertaining; easy read. I really liked the story about the girl that used that slow boy then he ends up ...

A collection of short stories about teenagers trying to figure out how love works. There were a few characters that I'd be tempted to beat with my shoe if I ever met them on the street, but overall, the voices were realistic and this will appeal to teens, especially girls. Several of the stories made me laugh and others left me feeling depressed. My favorite story was "A Letter to My Daughter," a letter from an absent father to the daughter he's never met.

I absolutely love this book! I just like Sharon G. Flake as an author she has captured me completely with this book, my favorite short story in the book has to be the last one. This book is awesome you must read

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