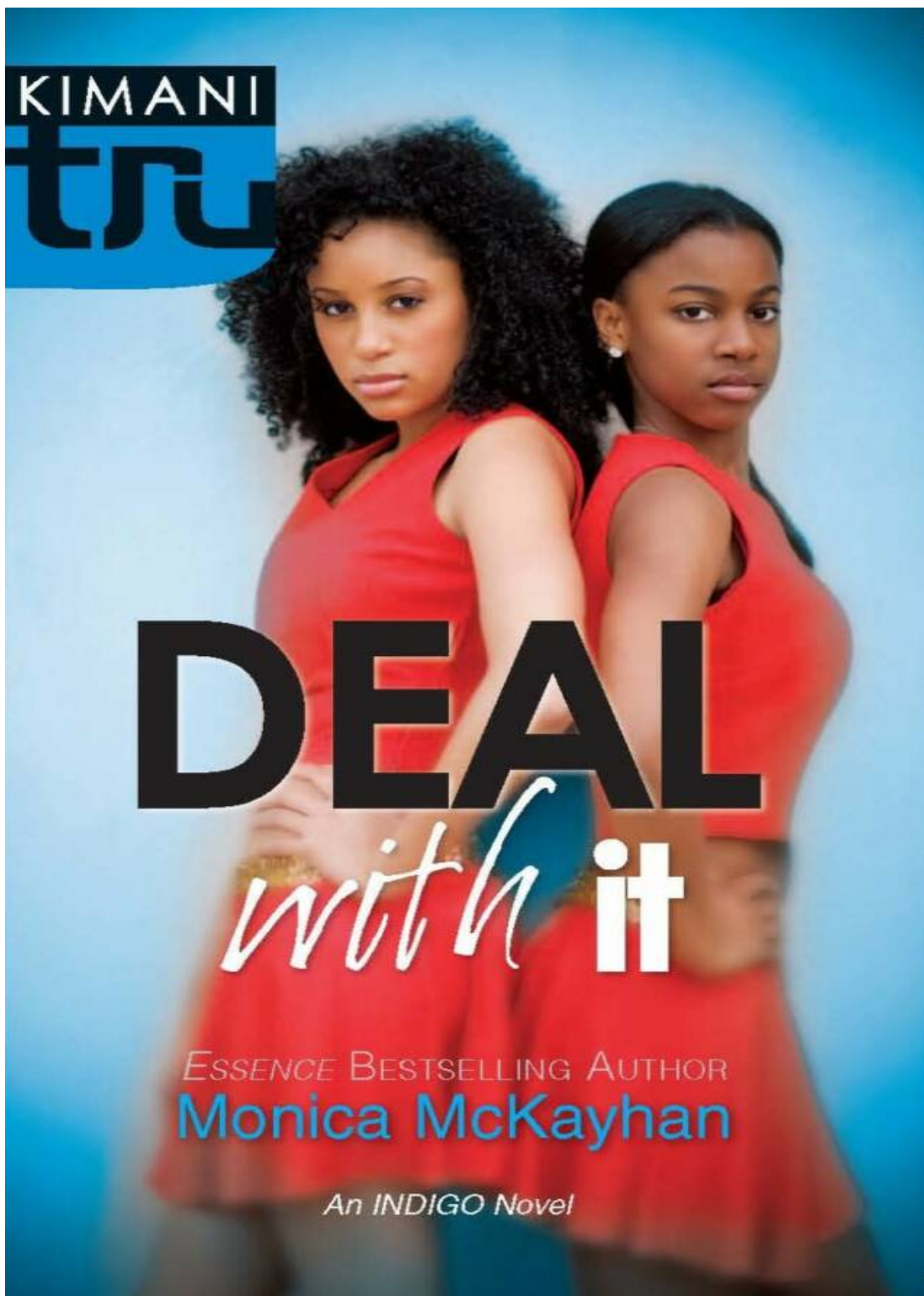


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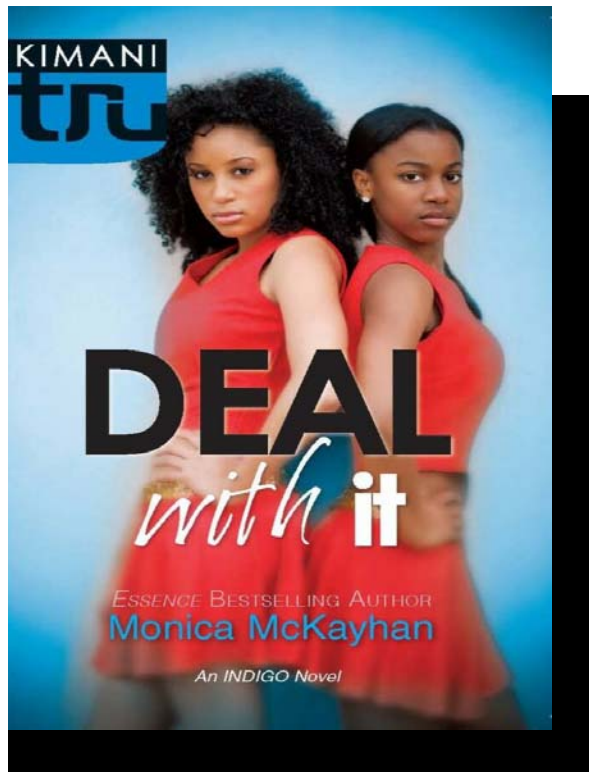
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Fact Sheet

Monica McKayhan’s new title in the Indigo series, DEAL WITH IT, launches in June 2009. The popular, trend-setting novels are crafted specifically to capture the tastes and interests of urban and suburban young adults. The series is targeted to the reluctant reader, capturing the interest of teens that have trouble focusing on literature.

Title:	Deal With It
Format/Price:	Trade paperback priced at \$9.99.
Page Count:	256 pages
Publication Date:	June 2009
Publisher:	Harlequin (Kimani TRU)
ISBN:	ISBN-10: 0373831412 / ISBN-13: 978-0373831418
Category:	Fiction/Young Adult

Marketing:
The Indigo Summer series is advertised in consumer and trade publications, via internet promotions and through libraries, schools and youth organizations. The series can be found at retail bookstores, to include major national chains as well as independent stores.

Website and community forum:
You’re invited to visit Monica’s general website at www.monicamckayhan.com, as well as her myspace page at www.myspace.com/myindigosummer. Monica produces a bi-monthly e-newsletter, *realTalk*, written by and for young adults, which focuses on the concerns of young adults. Sign-up for email delivery of *realTalk* by visiting Monica’s website.

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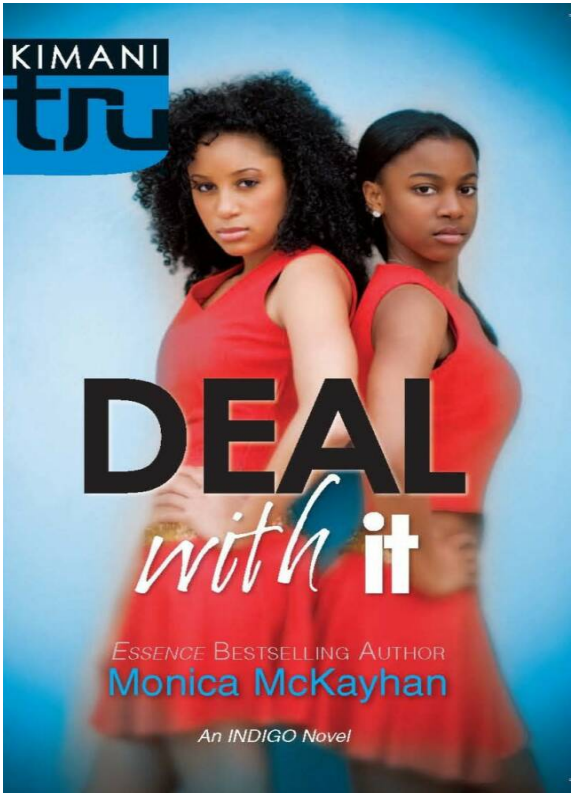
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Description

June 2009



Curveball, coming right up...

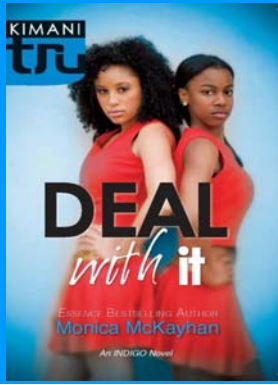
Indigo Summer and her best friend, Jade are at the top of their game. They're the most popular girls at school, the best dancers on the high school squad. And now one of them is going to be team captain. Indigo just never expected it to be Jade. For the first time in forever, Indigo is jealous of her best friend, and they're not the only ones on the squad dealing with major drama. Tameka rocked her SATs and is destined for a top college, but one lapse in judgment with her boyfriend, Vance, will change everything.

Friendships, the team, their futures...this time, it's all on the line.



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About the Author

Monica McKayhan

Monica McKayhan writes adult and young adult fiction. She currently has 7 titles in print. Three are adult novels, and four are a part of an on-going young adult series, Indigo Summer. The first book in the series, Indigo Summer was the launch title for Harlequin's young adult imprint, Kimani TRU which made its debut in January of 2007. That same year in May, Indigo Summer snagged the #7 position on the Essence bestsellers list, another first for Kimani Press. It also appeared on the bestsellers list in the May 2007 issue of Black Issues Book Review (BIBR). Indigo Summer appeared on the American Library Association (ALA)'s list of 2008 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers. Monica most recently placed three additional titles in the series with Harlequin's young adult imprint, Kimani TRU.

She is a Certified Toastmaster (CTM) with Toastmasters International. Toastmasters is a worldwide organization which helps its members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. For more information, about Toastmasters, visit their site at www.toastmasters.org. Monica is also a member of the Black Women's Film Society. Currently she's working on her sixth untitled book in the Indigo Summer series. It's scheduled for release in December 2009. She lives in the Dallas area with her family.

To schedule an appearance, book signing or interview with Monica, please email publicity@monicamckayhan.com or Contact Julia Shaw, Shaw Biz Group Publicity at (917) 501-6780; juliadshaw@yahoo.com



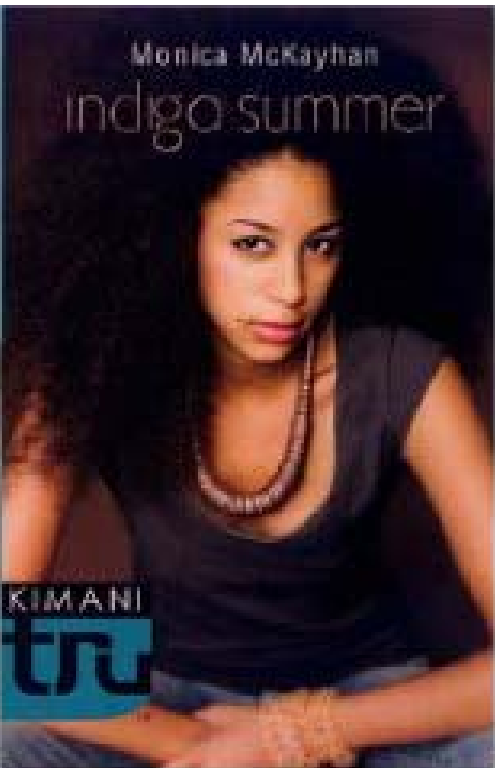
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Indigo Series

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Fifteen-year-old Indigo Summer's world finally seems to be going in the right direction: She hooks up with the star linebacker on the high-school football team, gets a date for homecoming and makes the high-school dance squad all in the same week. But sometimes things are just too good to be true. After football star Quincy Rawlins abruptly dumps her for a girl who is willing to put out, Indigo's popularity and self-esteem take a nosedive. When her perfect world falls apart, Indigo turns to the one person who seems to have his head on straight—her next-door neighbor, sixteen-year-old Marcus Carter. The problem is, now that Indigo realizes what a great guy Marcus really is, so does someone else.

Harlequin, Kimani TRU
ISBN-10: 0373830750
ISBN-13: 978-0373830756

Indigo Summer has everything she wants: a coveted spot on the high school dance squad, a hot boyfriend (the one and only Marcus Carter) and—her best friend, Jade, is moving back to Atlanta! But why does trouble always have to follow? Jade is suddenly getting too cozy with their good-looking history teacher. And instead of shooting hoops, Marcus is sitting in a courthouse, forced to prove his innocence for something he didn't do. Indigo is feeling the pressure—from the squad, from her friends, from her family. It's time to show everyone—and herself—that she's made of strong stuff.

Harlequin, Kimani TRU
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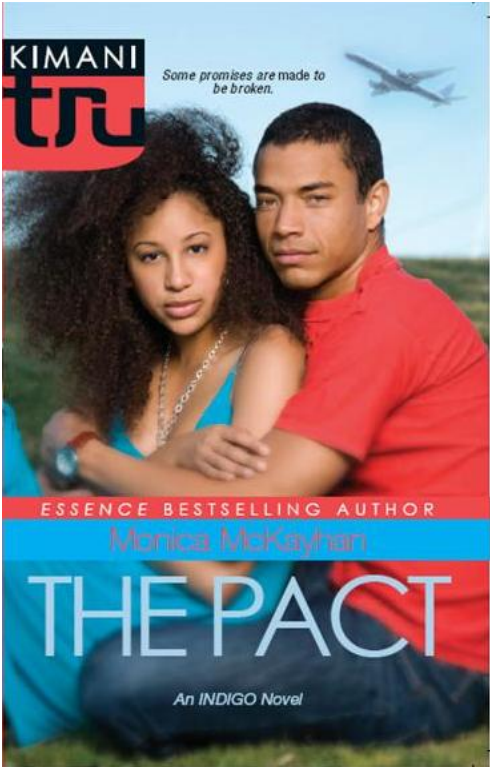
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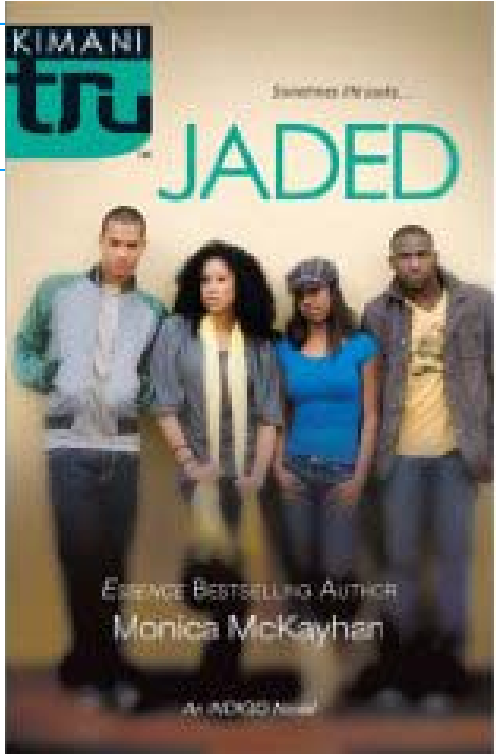


That's the deal Indigo Summer makes with her boyfriend, Marcus Carter. That way, they can both enjoy their vacations, no guilt, no questions asked. Not that Indigo isn't worried when Marcus heads to Texas to spend time with his estranged mother—kissing Marcus goodbye is hard enough, and who knows who'll be kissing him in Houston? But Indigo barely has time to think about her temporarily ex-boyfriend by the time she gets to Chicago. She's hanging out with her cool cousin, who lives alone at seventeen and has her own life—a life Indigo thought she wanted, until things get way out of hand. She needs Marcus, but he has his own thing going on...and his mother wants him to stay with her permanently. Maybe it's time for a new pact.

Harlequin, Kimani TRU
ISBN-10: 0373830939
ISBN-13: 978-0373830930

What Jade Morgan wants: for her parents to get back together. Instead her dad proposes to his new girlfriend, who has the nerve to ask Jade to be a bridesmaid. Like that'll ever happen. Her new boyfriend, Terrence, thinks she should give her future stepmom a chance, try to get to know her. Yet Jade barely knows Terrence—who is cute and cool, but is seriously hiding something. He's busy all the time and he won't invite her to his house. Yeah, something is definitely up. But sometimes friends, family and boyfriends do things that make you really jaded about life.

Harlequin, Kimani TRU
ISBN-10: 0373830998
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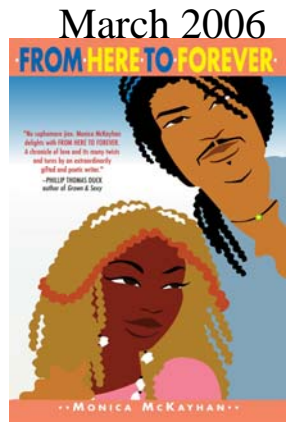
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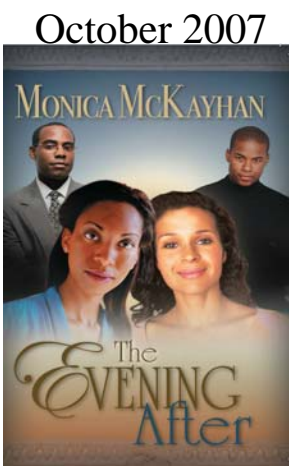
Adult Titles



Three girlfriends share life, dreams, and heartache in Atlanta as they search for love and the cure to what ails them...
Reece is a lawyer who seems to have it all together...
Maxie is a struggling journalist who likes her simple life...
Charlotte is the belle of them all...



When Maxie left her best friends, Reece and Charlotte, behind in Atlanta and headed for L.A., she wasn't sure what the future would hold...
She also knew there was a baby in her future...
Maxie's a mom now, to a darling baby boy named Miles...



What do you do when your world falls apart and no one is there to help you pick up the pieces?
It happens in an instant, on a stormy December night...
It begins as two grieving people, Nathan and Lainey...



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ALA American Library Association

2008 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest-growing division of the American Library Association (ALA), picked INDIGO SUMMER for its 2008 Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers selection list.



In June 2007, INDIGO SUMMER snagged the #7 position on the Essence Extended Bestseller's List, a first for Kimani Press. It also appeared on the May 2007 Black Issues Book Review (BIBR) Best-seller's List.

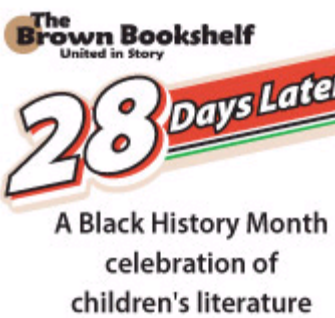
Harlequin entered into the YA market, with a trade paperback imprint aimed at African-American teenagers (Kimani TRU). Kimani TRU, made its debut in 2007, with INDIGO SUMMER as its launch title.



Right On Magazine (Dec 2008 issue) conducted a contest in which they gave away three baskets (1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners) loaded with a variety of Kimani TRU books exploring issues like friendships, personal image, relationships and all of the other drama that comes along with being a young adult.

All participants had to do to get their hands on one of the three books baskets was tell Right On magazine how they handle the drama of being a young adult and still manage to be successful in 200 words or less. Monica's books INDIGO SUMMER, TROUBLE FOLLOWS and THE PACT were included in the giveaway baskets.

The INDIGO SUMMER series was also featured in the November 2008 issue of Black Beat.



Celebrating BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2009

Monica McKayhan was selected as an author to be spotlighted during The Brown Bookshelf's, second annual, 28 Days Later campaign.

Through a highly-competitive selection process, the Brown Bookshelf scoured the shelves to find top author contenders in picture books, middle-grade and YA. They also received more than 100 nominations from librarians, teachers, publishers, authors, children's book lovers and others in the field. Then came the hard part, cutting those names down to the 28 stand-outs they would feature in the campaign. Monica was included as a part of this elite group.

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JADED was featured in the December 2008 issue of paper clips, a publication of Baker & Taylor.



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Reviews

Reviews for INDIGO SUMMER...

The extravagant heroines of the popular "mean girls" genre are outclassed by Indigo Summer, a young lady who deserves to have a book bear her name. Not that this novel is "The Revenge of Goody Two-Shoes." Indigo is a pretty, vibrant high-school freshman who lands a coveted spot on the dance team during the first week of school and is pursued by the football player who tops other girls' wish lists. Taking popularity in stride, she focuses on her life's transformations: her best friend and lifelong neighbor has moved away, replaced by the typical boy-next-door, a sweetheart waiting to happen.

Teen readers will relate to Indigo as she wrestles with peer pressure and the values passed on by her family. Other issues characteristic of young adulthood will ring true as well: the loss, divorce or strictness of parents; being admitted into a good college; perfecting dance moves; pressures of teenage sex; helping a young friend deal with a serious illness. Each chapter is narrated by either Indigo or Marcus, her new neighbor and secret admirer. The literary duet is intriguing and allows readers to consider how characters of both genders approach falling in love and handle teen angst.

Sharon Fitzgerald is a journalist and a middle-school teacher in New York City.

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– Sharon Fitzgerald, Black Issues Book Review

"I did the interview and played it back already. The audience was excited!!! The phone lines were lit up for 15 minutes with people inquiring about the book. I'd love to feature more of these books on the show!"

– Pam Gibson, The Touch on ABC Radio Networks

Reviews for JADED...

Even though Jade is the central person in this young adult novel, Terrence, is by far the most likable and well-rounded character. He is a young man who takes care of his brother and sister when his drug-addicted mother goes missing. He also works full-time and is a good student while literally maintaining a household. The one bright light in his life are his feelings for Jade. But he is convinced if she discovers the truth she will leave him as others have done. Can he be right? Or will Jade prove to be a keeper? Jaded is a good, young adult novel that can be appreciated by all ages. I recommend it to readers who love a fast moving book with a message. - Angelia Menchan, APOOO BookClub

Reviews for THE EVENING AFTER...

"The Evening After is about real life and real drama, with no easy answers, and stand-up characters who take you there. Another wonderful novel that will leave you satisfied and uplifted." -- Margaret Johnson-Hudge, author of True Lies

"A powerful story of passion, hope, and friendship."

-- Bestselling author Salome Thomas-El on From Here to Forever