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B-More Careful: A Novel



Synopsis

B-More Careful takes sex, lies, and betrayal to the next level in this action-packed, fast-paced, suspense-filled novel. Growing up on the cold, mean, inner-city streets of Baltimore is Netta, leader of an all-girl clique called the Pussy Pound. With no father and a dope fiend for a mother, Netta learns at an early age how to use her beauty and her body to get the things she wants: money, cars, and jewelry. Chasing the almighty dollar, she meets Black, a local drug dealer with a deep-seated hatred for New Yorkers who falls head over heels in love with her. With a broken heart, Black discovers that Netta is only after his money and seeks the ultimate revenge against her life.

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Customer Reviews

I truly enjoyed this first book by Shannon Holmes. It was a definite page turner. There was no good point in this book to say ok, I'll read the rest tomorrow, you wanted to read it all NOW..The character development was wonderful, we were given enough information on the characters to feel emotions for them. I am from the streets and have friends and associates who are still stuck in the streets; all aspects of it.B-More Careful wasn't just about drugs, guns, material things and getting paid. It was a story about life in the streets of Baltimore. It was the story about life and what you make of it. You have power to change the game, don't let it change you. How the game is played doesn't necessarily have to end your life.Netta wanted love, Mimi craved attention and popularity, Black needed power, and the streets grabbed them all or did it?In the style of No Disrespect but a voice of her own Shannon Holmes has spun a wicked tale that MUST be read by everyone.On the APOOOO

scale this book demands a ^5

If you thought you knew what the streets were about, there is still much more to be realized. Shannon Holmes bears all in this novel where nothing is sugar coated, and every action has its consequence. Holmes keeps it real in this vivid book about the life of one luscious, low-down girl named Netta. Living in the thugged out streets of Baltimore with no father and a junkie for a mother, Netta must find a way to escape from the madness that is her life. Finding some comfort in clothes and money Netta takes her first steps into the "game". When she meets Mimi the two of them bring it like it has never been brought before. Surrounded by the rest of the Pu**y Pound, they rule the streets where no good is the only good, and every day is an opportunity to be rich. B-More Careful is a page turning thriller full of suspense, action, deception, betrayal, and revenge. As a contemporary novel, B-More Careful touches on everyday issues that spark hours of endless conversation. It was definitely a great read. Shannon Holmes should write a sequel!

B-MORE CAREFUL is written in the style of Teri Woods' earlier novel, THE NAME OF THE GAME. The similarities are immediately obvious, and her editing hand is definitely in it. This book is fast-paced, street-smart, hip-hop and ghetto fabulous. The story takes place in Baltimore (B-More) and centers around the illegal drug trade, its established hustlers, its wannabes and the women (pussy pound) who cling to the drug lords for the notoriety and the easy money. B-MORE CAREFUL attempts to show the glamorous side of the drug crime life through the eyes of the ghetto woman by the putting emphasis on flashy jewelry, designer clothes, expensive cars and exciting nightlife. For the most part, this book dwells on the benefits of material things. It highlights greed, envy, jealousy and revenge. It almost totally avoids emotions such as love and commitment. This novel deserves credit for showing the gritty side of crime, the constant disloyalties, murders, and the ensuing prison sentences. To that end, the author does not spare the reader. Summarily, the language was coarse and limited and the book truly needed a professional editor. Otherwise, it was a good book. Shannon Holmes has a writing future.

Be More Careful definitely gets five stars off the top-no doubt! This story has so many twists and turns that you have to read some parts twice to keep up! This is a well written story about drugs, the hood and the GAME! The P*ssy Pound clique was a bunch of females who used their looks and what was between their legs to get what they wanted. The girls got everything from money, jewelry, expensive clothes and cars. Their cash flow increased while their character decreased. They did

whatever it took to get that money no matter who they hurt. BMC had me shedding tears, drying them and shedding some more. As soon as I got over someone's death in the book then BAM someone else got knocked! Netta would have to be my favorite character even though she did some devious things! I guess my heart went out to her because from the get-go she never really had nothing. She lived in the projects, her mother was a dope fiend and she didn't know who her father was. On the other hand her best friend Mimi grew with her father and was spoiled rotten. Black was a character I disliked from the beginning, but towards the end of the book I HATED him! Shannon Holmes and Terri Woods you both did a great job with this story. I loved it and will pass it on to my friends. Be More Careful is definitely a book that you don't wanna miss!

I rarely feel a book deserves 5 stars (unless your J California Cooper) but this book does deserve that!! BUY IT. If this is the author's 1st novel then we are in for some very spectacular things from her/him. I enjoyed this book very much. Prior to reading this I read "True To the Game" and I do not know why people are comparing the two books. This book is by far superior!! It does a wonderful job of telling the story of how the way you lead your life could one day come back and bite you in the bum (nicest way I could think of putting it w/out being edited). Netta was far more believable as a player and a moneygrubber than any other character I have read thus far. She's smart, ruthless, and beautiful. You love her, hate her, and feel sorry for her. The author does a wonderful job of telling separate stories that all come together in the end. There is no guessing about what is gonna happen in this story. The secondary character where not as developed, but who cares? There is enough going on in this story that to do so would weaken the story. If you like books about players getting played and what can happen if you play the wrong person then you will LOVE this book.

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