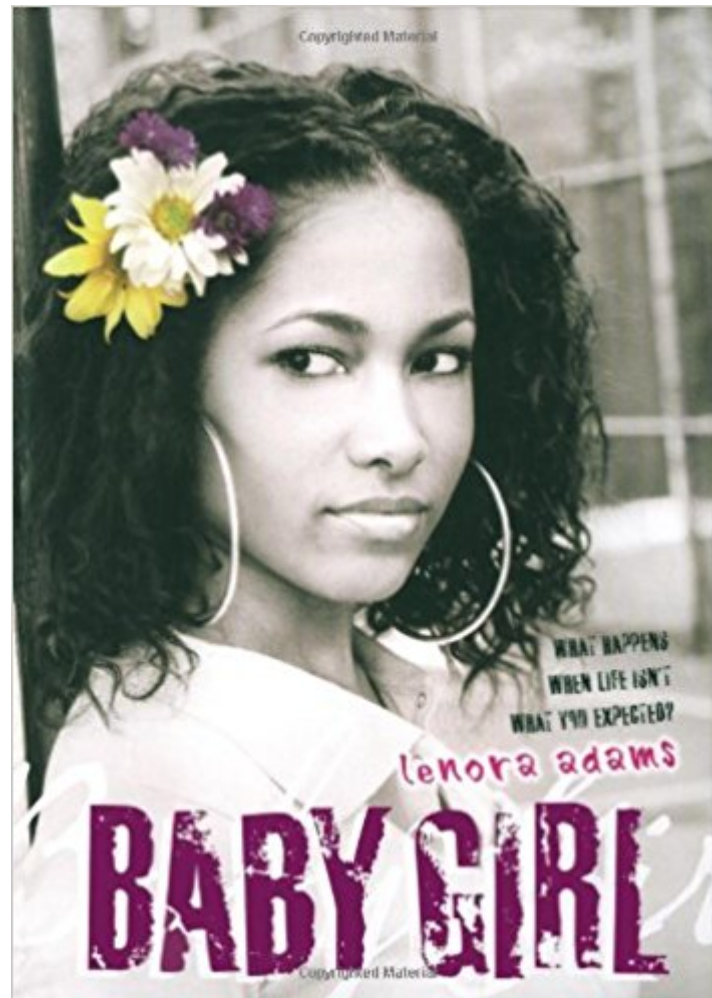




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Baby Girl



Synopsis

All I can say is that I never thought it would come to this. I never thought I would run away. For some reason I thought you, of all people, would see and know. Sheree has always been a tough girl, able to take care of herself. Then she finds herself in a situation where she can't. She needs help. She needs answers. But she can't get either from the people she she turns to -- her parents, her friends, and especially, her boyfriend, who calls her Baby Girl and treats her like she's disposable. So who can Sheree turn to? Maybe the answer lies deep within herself, and it's truly time for her to grow up. In a voice that rings strong and true, debut novelist Lenora Adams tells a story that is rich, complex, and achingly real.

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Customer Reviews

Young, angry, and pregnant, Sheree has run away. In a lengthy letter, she tells her mother why she left. The litany is long: her mother's smoking and sexual encounters with men, her father's absorption with his young son and wife, her friend Ange's abortion, and Damon, the 25-year-old drug dealer who has stolen her heart and self-respect. Even Austin, her high-school buddy who refuses to show romantic interest in her, gets a mention. Then Sheree's mother responds with a letter of her own, begging her daughter to return, start over, and raise her child at home. Sheree's story is an unfortunate, far-too-typical scenario of children raising children, absent fathers, and women using their bodies to gain money and power. The author worked in a homeless shelter for women, and in this powerful novel, the voices and situations ring with authenticity, and the ending is

grim but honest. Frances BradburnCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Very moving and real. As a gentleman reaching towards towards the wonderful age of 60(58)I can truly relate. I have always had open and grand commications with the opposite sex and this book hits home in alot of relationships for Black America . Being from Ardmore myself and knowing the author from the time she was a youngster brings a great deal of proud. Good reading...Tommy

Sheree, or Ree Ree as she is known to her family and friends, has the odds stacked against her. Growing up with her single mother and not having much of a relationship with her father hasn't given Ree Ree the best start in life. Her dreams are big, but her chances are small. Life isn't easy, but Ree Ree has people who care about her and try to steer her in the right direction. Her mother was just fifteen when Ree Ree was born. It was a case of one-sided love. Her father had other ideas about how to spend his time besides hanging around being a dad. Now when Ree Ree needs him most, he's the father of several more children and living with a new woman who doesn't have any use for a wayward teenage stepdaughter. Ree Ree's mother and grandmother have tried to keep her focused on school and a decent future, but it's not easy with all the temptations out on the streets. Her mother is a nice-looking woman with an eye for men and spends most nights at the local bar. Although she sets some serious rules and expectations, as a role model, she definitely lacks authority. *BABY GIRL* is written as three letters. The first is Ree Ree's description of what has gone wrong in her life, and her attempts to stay connected with her mother and reconnect with her father. The second letter is her mother's view of raising Ree Ree and dealing with a daughter who repeats the mistakes of the mother. Finally, the last letter is Ree Ree facing her son and the consequences of her own decisions. Lenora Adams uses the language of the streets to create a realistic drama about an attempt to break free of the past and build a better future. But as the quote on the cover asks, "What happens when life isn't what you expected?" Reviewed by: Sally Kruger, aka "Readingjunky"

A very moving and raw book about growing up in the ghetto. This books home about what young girls have to face out here in the real world. Sharee has to face a whole lot of things growing up with her mother that lets in and out company in her house. She has been through so much. It is unreal. The way how the guys treat her, the way how her dad and mom treat her. It's all real and powerful and a fresh slap [a very hard slap] of reality. I encourage all to read this book. Maybe you might have a fresh perspective on what it means to grow up in the streets and pretty much raise yourself.

I LOVED IT!!!! When I first saw the book I was a bit skeptical about reading it but it was great. The story is very raw and very realtable it actually became my favorite book. I would reccommend everyone to add this to their reading list beacuse you will not be able to put it down once you start.

This book gave me insight into the seemingly senseless life choices our youth are making today. More than an eye opener, "Baby Girl" is a gripping, heart-wrenching read that speaks with dialogue that rings true. I bought copies for all the teenagers in my life - a must-read for their parents as well.

This was such a great story, to the point that I thought it was true story!! Would definitely recommend this book.

this was a very excellent read lobe the book and gave it five star looking forward to more books from this author

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