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**A stellar quarterback, an ambitious sportscaster. What happens when rising stars collide?**

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## And This Too Shall Pass Details

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### Emilie Andersen says

This was good because it's different! The gay stories you read nowadays are very alike and not very mature, which I felt this was. It was grown-ups who found each other and it was so much better than the typical cliché stories, that are very popular at the moment. I liked how it followed 4 different people whose lives intervene in one way or another. The only story I found boring was Mia's, but because her story had a great impact on Zurich's, then I read almost all of it :b. The reason why it gets 4 stars and not 5 is because there was a little too much God in it for my taste and in some points it was a little cliché, but other than that it was a interesting mix of sport, love, sex, rape, STD and homosexuality. It was more real and that's what I loved! The ending was just as it should be!

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### Tina says

I wanted to love this book but the Tamala story was too much. She is bigoted and homophobic. I found her relationship with Caliph lukewarm, dull and uninteresting. I didn't pick up on the chemistry.

Mia was written as a selfish and uppity bitch. I could not garner any sympathy for her. What happened to her was horrible yet I wasn't sympathetic. I hate that she accused an innocent person of hurting her then went around being even more rude and bitchy than before,

Loved Gina and her relationship with Zurich.

Loved Sean after getting to read about him with Zurich. I was rooting for them from the beginning.

MamaCee, loved her relationship with everyone.

Basii, I first me him in Any Way The Wind Blows so to see him here, was a surprise.

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### Monnica Peoples-williams says

This was a great read but you have to read all of E. Lynn Harris' books from the beginning! He was and still is my favorite author!

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### Kemesha Gabbidon says

I was pretty underwhelmed by this book. I found myself not caring much about most of the characters. I however was very sympathetic towards Sean and to be fair the book was an easy read. Many of the characters tended to be one dimensional and almost cliche in some aspects but still entertaining. I expected Tamela to be a bigot and not even be certain why. I expected the all knowing grandmother and I expected Zurich to be naive. I did like the way the author intertwined the story lines. It read like a movie for me. For the most part the story was about people being honest with themselves and coming to terms with their choices and beliefs and that was interesting. Maybe this was not the best book to begin trying to get to know Mr. Harris.

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### **Ladywilde says**

This was a good read. Fun and engaging and thought-provoking on occasion. However, the quickie ending kind of irked me. It seemed rather slap dash but all and all. It was a good book. I enjoyed it.

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### **(a)lyss(a) says**

I had no idea what I was getting into when I picked up this book. It's a page turner full of well written characters and thought-provoking stories.

I was drawn in by the emotions behind the characters and the way the stories interact with one another. While it starts out prose-y at times a narrative combining these unique characters came together quickly. Touching on stories of sacrifice and love and sadness this book is beautiful. Talking about black, gay lives in an unexpected and positive way. The author captures the recognizable cadences of close relationships along with self love and forgiveness. It's a more emotional story than I expected that had me rooting for the characters, for their happiness, while touching on the fears people face in relationships and the scary realities of AIDS and stereotypes and what it means to be a man.

It's an exceptional book with amazing characters and insight into people.

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### **Winter Sophia Rose says**

Funny, Unforgettable, Realistic, Sexy, Captivating & Addictive! An Amazing Read! I Loved It!

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### **T Neff says**

What an inspiring story! It was a page turner from beginning to end. I really enjoyed it. It was spiritually touching. If you like books like this, you should also "Under the Peach Tree" by Charlay Marie.

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### **Monique says**

So never read an infamous E. Lynn Harris book and wanted a light pageturner, and got just that.. This book had pretty transparent characters with an okay plot that turned ridiculous near the end.. I cant say that I was disappointed as I expected something kind of like this: a plot focused on a woman looking for a man and a great guy coming to save her, a mysterious man looking for something or someone to give him closure and a steamy romance scene (in this case with two men and pretty graphic but tasteful) and that's what it is.. to me the plot twist or book ending conclusion on the Mia case was a little too farfetched and should have had some subtle or minor references earlier in the novel to be believable and also I didnt buy the end romance, not enough backstory-- come to think of it maybe I didnt like that book that much, so I will read some more from the late Mr. Harris (RIP) and hopefully find some of the humor, soul and poignancy I have heard from some many of his reviews...

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**Rafael Suleiman says**

An interesting Black romantic novel.

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**Agnes Duncan says**

Great reading. Helps to keep an open mind on spirituality....bascially that we are all sinners yet we are all loved by the father. We are in no position to judge .

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**J says**

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**Valerie says**

Zurich Robinson is a young black starting quarterback for an NFL expansion team who, after refusing the sexual advances of a local sportscaster, finds himself accused of her rape. Readers know he didn't do it, because he's staying celibate while he figures out his sexual identity, a process complicated by the fact that he's got two different men interested in him--one just for the sex, and one for the love. His defense attorney has romantic problems of her own. Luckily, his grandmother has enough faith-driven wisdom to see everybody through.

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**Tamika says**

When discussing a read aloud book, one of my students "R" raised his hand to contribute to our class discussion. He said, "Everything will work out in the end." With a knowing smile on my face I asked, "How do you know this R? All of these problems and we're no where near the end!! How do you know?" To which he replied matter of factly, "Because stories always end happily ever after. They always work out in the end." This was one of my proudest/most memorable moments as a teacher. (1) R was one of my ELL students who

was a struggling reader and (2) He was proving that despite struggles with reading...he knew there was a formula to stories. There was a certain way that all books go. In the end, everything will inevitably be resolved.

#### **An excerpt from my readers response notebook**

I guess R was right when he said all stories end happily ever after.

Zuric finds out that Basil is married and is a liar before he becomes immersed in this relationship. He opens his heart to Sean and Sean accepts him in.

Tamela gets over her issues with Caliph and learns to let go of her baggage from the past and not lose a good thing.

Mia's case is resolved with the parking attendant admitting to the crime. She even finds love with Derrick her ex.

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#### **Todd says**

Read this book a longgggggg time ago and really enjoyed it. Ended up seeing a traveling production of the play version in Dallas a few years back. Great show!!

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