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Bestselling author ReShonda Tate Billingsley evokes laughter, tears, and stunningly dramatic revelations in this uplifting novel about the power of love and forgiveness.

The rising pastor of Houston's Lily Grove church, Terrance Ellis needs to find a wife. And not just any wife, but *the* right young woman to stand beside him as First Lady of Lily Grove at the fast-approaching one-hundredth-year Christmas service. That is according to Eva, Dorothy Mae, and Mamie, Terrance's three endlessly argumentative aunts, the strong, outspoken ladies who lovingly raised him and got the once-troubled boy on the right path after his grandmother Essie died in a tragic accident. They know the perfect mate is out there for their humble and handsome nephew. So why, of all women, is outrageous, flirtatious Savannah McKinney drawing him in? Seeing Terrance falling under her seductive spell has got his aunts frantically matchmaking since time is running out and gossip is flying. Who will be the pastor's wife? Only heaven knows for sure. . . .

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Andrea Horton says

This book was really good, with some jaw dropping moments!

Odetta says

Oh, I kept turning the player off. Yet, I couldn't leave it off because I had to see what happened. Savannah made me mad & Terrence had no back bone.

Jennifer says

Holy Moly this book was horrible. I rarely read Inspirational romance, but happened to get this in a box of books that I won in a contest. The synopsis sounded interesting so I figured I'd give it a try. I didn't make it past 10% before I was throwing it against the wall in an absolute rage. Homophobia, double standards, misogyny, false righteousness, hypocrisy, it was all there on non-glorious display in the first 30 pages, not to mention that the characters were little more than tired old caricatures, not in any way representative of real three dimensional people. If this is the sort of thing that is okay in Inspie romance, I guess it's a good thing I don't try to read it more often.

Billy-jean says

This was first story read from this author it was okay. The story was fine. The pastor in this story could have a little control(but they always say flesh is weak and the pastor is the showed us that). I have read other religious based book for other authors but this book was a little far fetch.

Nandi Crawford says

Although I love Ms Billingsley's books, I kind of hesitate to call it Christian fiction, yet I found the book very interesting. dealing with unresolved guilt, domestic violence, promiscuity, etc etc, this book has something to offer to those who are looking for a good story or have experienced these issues. Savannah grew up to get over on any man to achieve whatever she wants in life. She has her eyes set on Terrance, who does like her, but as in all things, her true colors do tend to show up and with his three aunts blocking things, things just don't look good. Great read.

Geri says

I read this book in one day, would love to talk with someone who read this and see what your opinion is.

Tamara Thomas says

A really good book...hope there will be a sequel. ..I'm curious to know more about Savannah and her ridiculous Grandma

Belinda says

ReShonda Tate Billingsley has done it again. Thoroughly enjoyed this book, A Pastor's Wife.

Deon says

Quick, entertaining read

K. N. says

This book was a good read. We have Pastor Terrance who turned his life around after a tragic accident that occurred during his teenage years. His aunt continued to raise him after he loss his grandmother in the accident. They were hilarious. I loved glad that style up for Terrance, even though they were a little fanatical at times. I never really like Savannah but understand why she was the way she was. Raquel was a great character. Terrance worked my nerves. He was such a pushover. I am so glad he made the decision he made at the end.

Brooklyn Darkchild says

Terrance, the pastor of Lily Grove is single and going on thirty. Big deal, right? Well it is to many of his parishioners, including the three aunts who raised him. Is he gay? they whisper behind his back, plotting and scheming to have him removed if he isn't in a committed relationship before Lily Grove's 100th Christmas celebration. So begins the comic quest to find Terrance a wife. There is more underhanded trickery going on in this church than in any daytime television drama, I'm telling you. Some of the stuff his aunties come up with had me rolling on the floor. Then there is Terrance's pick: Savannah, a woman who, shall we say, has Been Around The Block a few times.

You'll see the ending coming way before you get there, but that's alright: it still feels good. The only real problem I had with this book was Terrance. I kept wanting to smack him. All of the pastors I know are Take Charge Men, yet Terrance didn't seem capable of handling even the admittedly vocal handful of parishioners who questioned his sexuality. I'm sorry, but a man with any type of backbone at all would have put a stop to that nonsense before it even started.

The book probably wouldn't have been as funny though.

Valerie says

Most men barely survive one mother, but Terrance Ellis has three -- his aunts. His grandmother Essie's sisters -- Eva, Dorothy Mae, and Mamie -- lovingly raised him after Essie died in a tragic accident. They made sure that troubled young Terrance got on the right path and made something of his life. And now that he's all grown up and the rising pastor of Houston's Lily Grove church, the endlessly argumentative sisters agree on one thing: Terrance needs to find a wife. And not just any wife -- but the right young woman to stand beside him as First Lady of Lily Grove at the fast-approaching one-hundredth-year Christmas service. Humble and handsome, Terrance is focused on preaching more than dating and has kindly fended off the advances of more than a few perfectly available ladies. So why, of all women, is outrageous, flirtatious Savannah McKinney drawing him in? Seeing Terrance falling under her seductive spell has got his aunts frantically matchmaking since time is running out and gossip is flying. Who will be the pastor's wife? Only heaven knows for sure...and before he finds her, some surprising and dramatic revelations are in store for Terrance, his congregation, and the three aunts who love him most in the world.

Deliah Lawrence says

In this novel, Pastor Terrance Ellis is pressured by the elders of the church to find a wife in time for the 100th anniversary Christmas celebration. Why? Because they were concerned that folks may start talking about the handsome and charismatic pastor who in his thirties and has never been in a serious relationship. But the only problem with Pastor Ellis is that he keeps running into a bunch of crazy women who often times mistake his kindness (e.g. going for coffee) for being in a full blown relationship.

Of course, the main person chasing the handsome pastor is Savannah who is well-known both in church and around town as a "floozy." She would stop at nothing to get her man but she also mush past the test of Pastor Ellis' three overprotective and meddlesome aunties. Needless to say these three church ladies call it like they see it. They raised Pastor Ellis and were proud to see him turn from a troublesome teen into the man who leads their church.

This was a great premise. However, I found the novel to be slow in many parts. Pastor Ellis being street smart apparently left all that behind because there were times I wanted to help him smack some folks. I know -- but he really could have put his foot down many times. Anyway, the story did pick up some steam towards the end when Pastor Ellis finally got a back bone to ditch Savannah who was blackmailing him and pledge his love for Raquel, his secretary. I wanted more action. Nevertheless, it was a good read.

Some of my favorite lines:

"Let me explain something to you Reverend," Savannah began, her voice laced with attitude. "You don't play with a woman's emotions and think it's over just because you say it's over."

"Savannah, please don't make this ugly."

She let out a maniacal laugh. "You've got to be kidding me. Sweet, trust me when I say things aren't going to get ugly. In fact, they'll be quite beautiful."

Terrance shot her a perplexed look. "What does that mean?"

Savannah flashed him a smile as she headed to the door. "It means, darling that this" --she pointed between the two of them-- "isn't over. In fact, we haven't even begun. I'll be in touch."

Savannah left Terrance looking more confused than ever as she headed back to her car. She hadn't wanted to go this route, but Terrance had left her no choice. It was time for the trump care, the one that would ensure she'd get exactly what she wanted."

Roshanna says

The beginning wasn't that interesting. But as I got to the middle I instantly got addicted. Terrance represents the guys of my generation. Just settling for anything and not wanting to put the work in to get the RIGHT woman. Savannah is a piece of work and his aunts are a lot to deal with but it's obvious that they just want the best for him and are willing to go through extreme measures. This book was goooooo I wasn't expected anything that happened. 5 stars

Alicia Smith says

I really liked this book...a whole lot. The storyline was great and the book kept me turning the pages to see what the three aunts were gonna make happen next. I tend to like books that have an alpha-male type as the lead. Pastor Terrance didn't quite fit that description from time to time in the story. But I did thoroughly enjoy this read.
