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author...educator...lecturer



Since 2008, Terra Little has penned novels that find readers wherever they are and pull them into the midst of tales that make them laugh, cry, reflect and crave more. One after another, Terra's novels have hit home with readers by touching on issues that people can relate to, creating plots that resonate long after the last page is turned, and bringing to life characters with vibrant voices and universal appeal.

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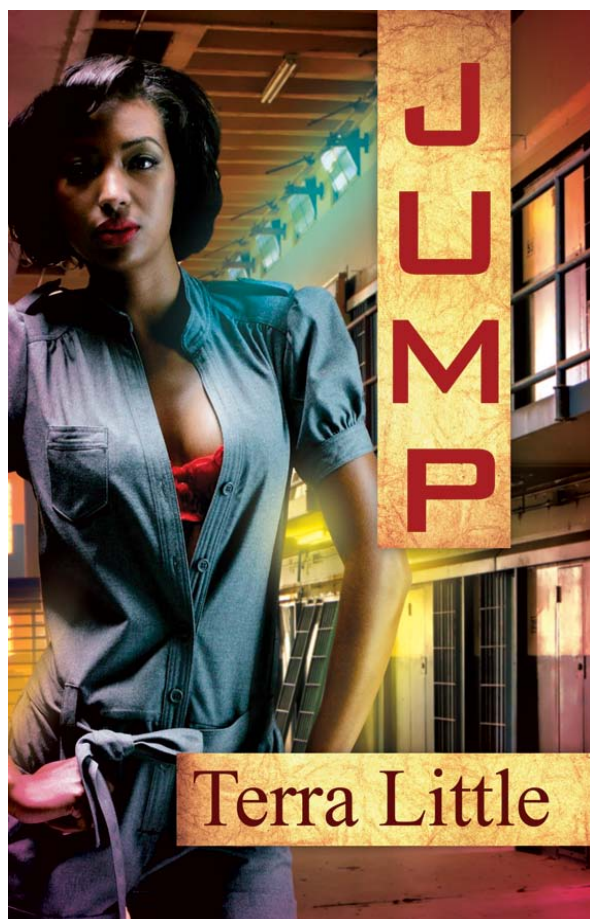
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What Would You Have Done?



Lena Hunter is not under the influence of drugs, nor is she out of her mind when she aims a pistol at her grandmother's heart and seals her fate by pulling the trigger. She might very well think about her actions later and wish that she had done things differently, but the fact that the old woman is dead is her one true victory. Through eight mind-numbing years of imprisonment, it is the only thing that makes any sense to her, the only thing that makes it all worthwhile.

Too many years of sharing a tragic past makes Lena and her sister Victoria closer than close, and together they are strong enough to stand up to their grandmother when the time comes. Together, they have the strength to refuse their grandmother's one constant and sickening request, which is for them to be quiet "good girls." They find the courage to move on and carve out lives for themselves. Vicky is a successful nurse practitioner and Lena is a computer geek and the mother of a perfect six-year-old little girl. Carrying family secrets around on her own shoulders is one thing, but the prospect of the load being shifted onto her daughter's innocent shoulders is quite another. The mere thought of it is what ultimately sends Lena rushing over to her grandmother's house with a loaded pistol—an act that changes her life for better, for worse, and forever.

Author Terra Little challenges those brave enough to step inside of Lena's world to answer one burning question: *What would you have done?*

When women go to prison, the families they leave behind become prisoners, too. Even more so than their male counterparts, the experience of incarceration is jarring for women. It takes them away from the children they care for and can leave a gaping hole where the head of the family used to be. Upon release, there are often so many aspects of their lives to pick up and piece back together that it can be hard to know where to begin.

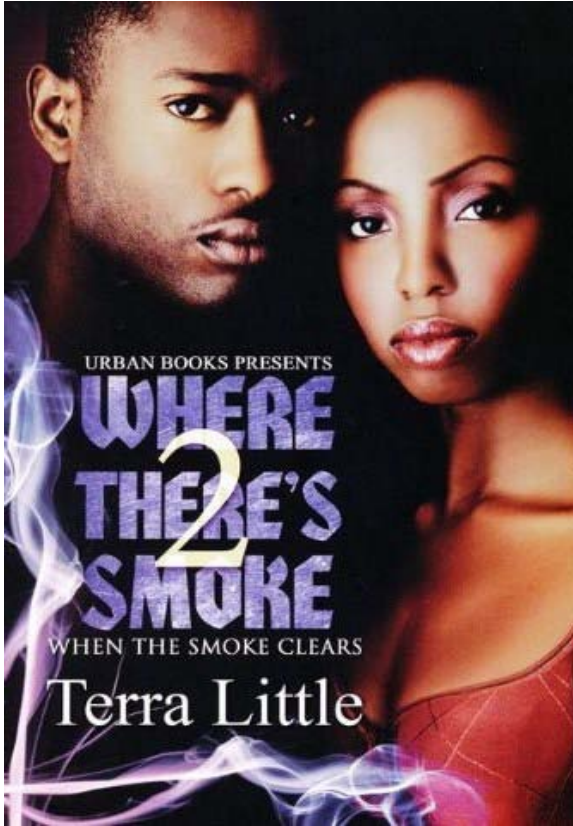
Join one courageous woman on her journey to defy the odds and take back her life.

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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE 2: WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS

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Smoke, Anne and Isaiah Are Back and They're Busier Than Ever!



St. Louis, MO – In the highly anticipated follow-up to Terra Little's *Where There's Smoke* (JAN 2009), the characters that readers everywhere have come to know and love return with even more lessons to learn and trials to overcome.

After a few ups and downs, Alec "Smoke" Avery and Anne Phillips have found a rhythm they can both groove to, and they've made a love connection. But just when they think they can finally settle down and tie the knot, their past comes back to haunt them in ways they never imagined. Smoke's former flame is stalking him and she's determined to have him all to herself. That's the last thing Smoke needs while he's trying to deal with Anne's emotional baggage and convince her that he's all the man she needs. Anne suspects that Smoke is still stepping out on her and, when things get tense, she decides to do a little stepping out of her own. Away at Kentucky State on a basketball scholarship, their son, Isaiah, has become motivated to straighten out his life, but his nemesis, Hood, isn't done wreaking havoc. Hood's sudden appearance on campus is jeopardizing Isaiah's scholarship and his life. Things go from bad to worse when, in the midst of a heated lover's quarrel, Smoke and Anne commit the perfect crime to save their son and themselves.

When the smoke clears, truths will have to be told, and Anne will have to accept the fact that she and Smoke are more alike than she cares to admit. Terra Little takes readers on a roller coaster ride of emotions in this story of a very real, very funny, and very dysfunctional family.

Where There's Smoke 2: When the Smoke Clears is a literary testament to the strength and resilience of African-American families. Aside from giving readers more of the witty narrative and laugh-out-loud situational drama that Little has come to be known for, Little spotlights many of the issues prevalent in the African-American community and offers curiously dead-on insight into the minds and hearts of parents today. Yes, African-American fathers love and support their children. And, yes, when it comes to raising one of their own, the African-American community is still a village.

Little challenges readers to either become part of the village or...

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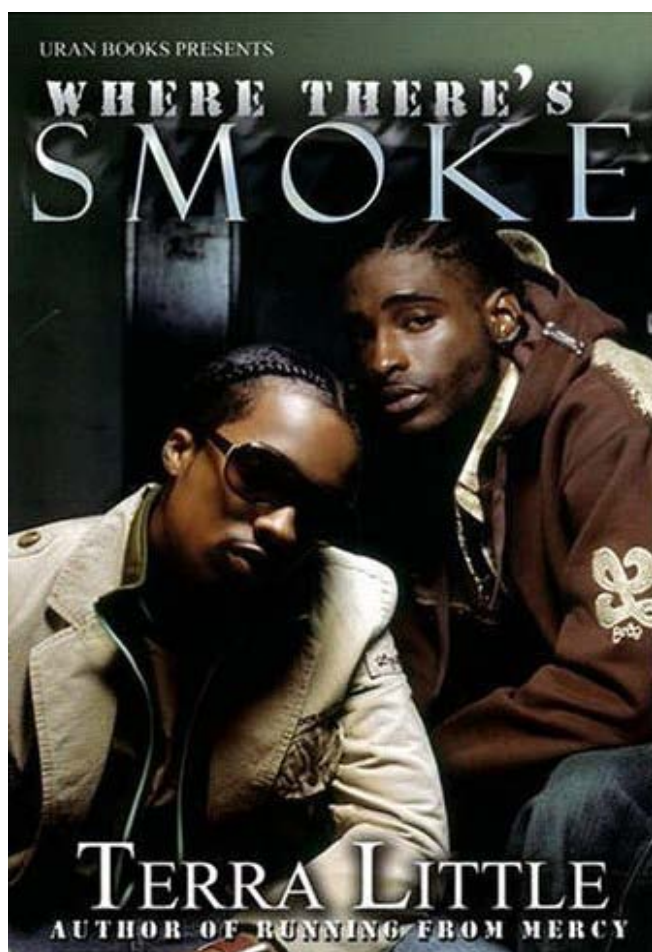
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Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?



St. Louis, MO – Though Alec “Smoke” Avery is the guest of honor, it’s the son he never knew he had who gets the true gift.

Back in the day, a young, misguided Smoke used to be a drug dealer with dreams of sitting at the helm of a cartel. Like most cocky people, he never imagined that he’d be marked for a take-down and his dreams would come to a crashing halt. But that’s exactly what happened and he’d be the first to tell you that it was the best thing that ever happened to him. After a no-nonsense judge offered him a chance at avoiding prison and redeeming himself, he straightened up, joined the military and went to college. A long time later, trouble finds him again in the middle of his comfortable and quiet life as a math teacher, in the form of a child support order...

Sixteen years after the fact, Alec gets an unwelcome blast from his drug-dealing, street-running past that turns his life upside down. In his other life – when he was “Smoke” – one of his faithful customers was a sad looking girl named Breanne. He remembers her, but...how did they end up with a teenage son together?

Smoke wants to deny that the boy is his, but he has eyes in his head and any fool can see that the young man Breanne reluctantly presents him with is his. The boy looks like him, walks and talks like him, and he’s almost as caught up in the lure of the streets as Smoke once was. But it’s not about to go down like that. Smoke never realized that he wanted to be a father until he suddenly was and hell hath no fury like a father out to protect his son. Meanwhile, sad little Breanne Phillips has done some changing of her own and Smoke likes what she’s become. Between the two of them – his son and his son’s mother – Smoke doesn’t know if he’s coming or going half the time. But one thing he does know is where he wants to stay...

Where There’s Smoke is all about the relationships between African-American fathers and their sons, with a little of the business of single motherhood thrown in for good measure. Little comes through with positive African-American male role models, family dynamics you’d wish on any child, and a story of redemption that hits very close to homes around the world.

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Running from Mercy

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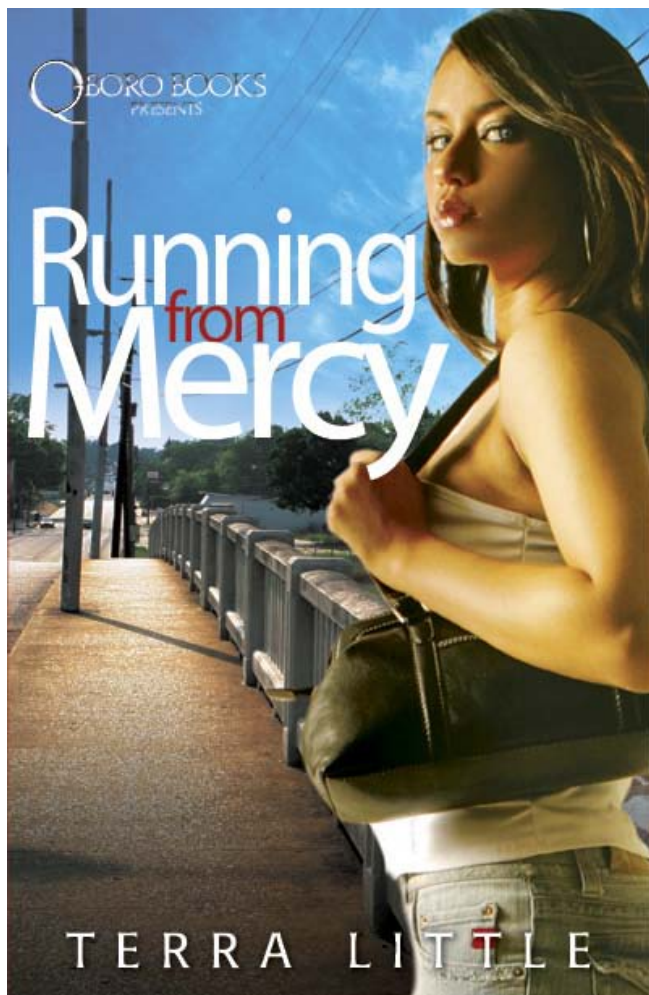
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At Last, The Prodigal Daughter Returns...



St. Louis, MO - Pam Mayes always said that it would take an act of congress to get her to go back home to Mercy, Georgia, but all that's really called for is the death of her twin sister, Paris. Suddenly, she's eating her words and sneaking back into town like a thief in the night, trying to lay low and not draw too much attention to herself. When she left Mercy, she was an orphan with a wild and loose reputation that had as much truth to it as it did fiction. Now, eighteen years later, Pam is a celebrity recording artist with money to burn and a reputation for being curiously reclusive.

Nothing about Mercy's quiet tree-lined streets and old fashioned way of life welcomes Pam home. To her it isn't just the dreary little town she grew up in; it's also the place where she lived her worst nightmare...

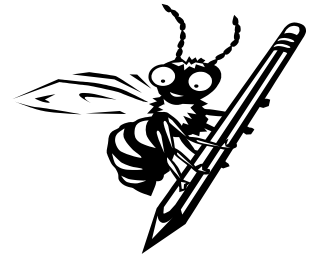
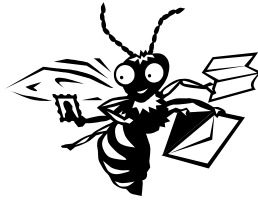
Like every other small town in the world, Mercy seems like a safe place to live but Pam knows differently. Things have changed, but then again they've remained the same, and the longer Pam stays in Mercy, the faster things spin out of control. The people she calls friends turn out to be her worst enemies, the people she considers family turn out to be wolves in sheep's clothing, and the truth about the life she lives is exposed for the lie that it really is.

Everyone wants to know why Pam ran from Mercy all those years ago, and they're about to find out...

In this small town story of betrayal, unrequited love and family loyalty, Terra Little gives new meaning to the old adage, "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer." The lengths that some people will go to, to keep a secret is always fodder for a gripping tale. Toss in an unshakable bond of sisterhood and a mystery that can only end in heartbreak, and you've just been given an invitation to Mercy, Georgia. It's a journey that you won't soon forget.

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Book Buzz...



“Highly recommended for all urban fiction collections...will appeal to every type of reader...an excellent book club pick.” – **Library Journal Starred Review** *A **LJ Best Book of 2009***

“A realistic storyline and strong characters makes a definite winner...full of the drama, humor and wittiness that Terra Little is known for.” – **Urban Reviews**

“... an excellent story line that's fast paced and driven by witty wordplay.” – **Coast 2 Coast Readers**

“... a solid read carried by good writing...Little makes reading enjoyable.” – **OOSA Online Book Club**

“I feel like I am back in the zone with good reads now. I am adding Terra Little to my list of favorite authors.” – **African Americans on the Move Book Club (AAMBC)**

“...amazing...unique and realistic...leaves you reflecting on your past and shows the consequences of actions long forgotten.” – **Readers In Motion Book Club**

*“The book *Midnight* should have been.”* – [from] **Amazon.com**

“...makes you want more. No, makes you need to come back for more.” – **Sister 2 Sister Book Club**

“Another great novel for urban fiction lovers, but I recommend this novel be read by everyone.” – **RAWSISTAZ Online Book Club**

“Ms. Little has a swagger that only a few in this literary field have.” – **What's Da Story Book Club**

“...an engaging novel of family, lies, secrets, and self-discovery...I found myself needing to turn the next page.” – **Literary Lovers Book Club**

“Little writes comfortably in a range of registers, with good humor to balance out the heavier moments...a solid, believable cautionary tale...ably written.” – **Kirkus Reviews**

“This urban fiction novel is better written than others that I've read and the characters really appealed to me too.” – **Milwaukee Public Library**

About the Author



If you had asked Terra Little when she was in the seventh grade what she wanted to be when she grew up, she would've said, "A writer." If you had asked her the same question when she was a single teenage mother, struggling to make one end meet the other, she would've said, "I'm too busy being a mom and working to worry about that right now." If you ask her that question today, she'll most likely just smile and say, "It's been an interesting journey, but I think I'm finding my way."

In the midst of studying her way through college and working full-time, the desire to write, which had seemingly faded into the background years before, returned with a vengeance. In the space of one year (2006), Terra penned the two novels that would eventually come to be known by readers everywhere as *Running from Mercy* and *Where There's Smoke*. Her journey to nationwide distribution began with many rejection letters and a leap of self-publishing faith that soon led to the mainstream publishing contract that introduced her to book lovers around the globe.

An avid reader herself, Terra hopes to continue penning novels that not only entertain but also speak to readers on myriad levels. She enjoys hearing from readers via email at writeterralittle@yahoo.com and via her website at www.terralittle.com.

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