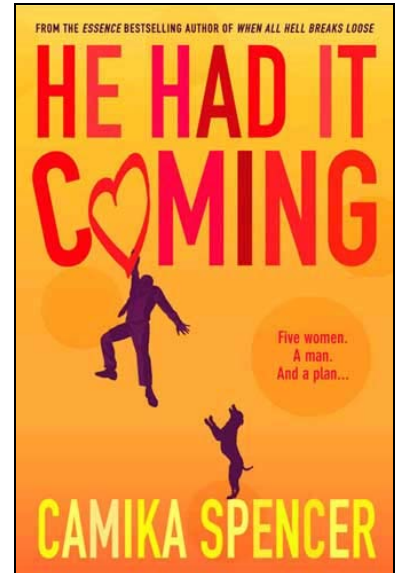


# READING GROUP GUIDE

## *He Had It Coming* by Camika Spencer

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### Introduction to *He Had It Coming*

Five Women. A Man. And a Plan.

Meet Marcus Brooks. He's gorgeous. He's successful. He's the bestselling author of African American fiction. He's also the most obnoxious male alive....

Meet Raylene, Naomi, Thelma, Gwena, and Latice. They are five women who belong to a reading group, strong women with strong opinions. They don't take any grief from anyone (well, not if they can help it), and their friendships have stood the test of time. One night they meet up with bestselling author Marcus Brooks. At first they are in awe. Then they are puzzled. Next they're enraged. How can a man whose books are loved by millions act like such a dog? Words are exchanged---and more---and they soon get in way over their heads. The book club takes Marcus captive---and the longer they hold him, the more complicated things get. Can these five women rehabilitate the most arrogant author in the world and teach him a few lessons about life, writing, and women? *He Had It Coming* is a wickedly delicious novel, as shocking as it is hilarious---a delightful send-up of fame and success.

### Reading Group Guide Questions

1. Raylene, Naomi, Thelma, Gwena, and Latice have many similarities in their backgrounds, but also some intrinsic differences. What differences and similarities do you think are the most significant?
2. The five women make up a reading group. How do you think reading groups effect women's friendships and why do you think they are becoming increasingly popular?

3. What do you believe is the turning point for each character? How did that turning point effect the outcome of the book?
4. Marcus Brooks is obnoxious and sexist. But did you see any good qualities in him when he is first introduced? What did you like about him? Does he remind you of anyone in real life? Do you believe “he had it coming?”
5. Which character do you believe acted most honestly? Most heroically? Most cowardly?
6. What do you feel was Marcus Brooks’s most desperate moment?
7. What do you think the book says about the concept of success?
8. In the end, do you feel every character got what he or she deserves?

## About the Author

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