



# Reading Group Gold

## The Root of All Evil

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### Introduction to *The Root of All Evil*

THE ALMIGHTY \$. SOME PEOPLE PRAY FOR IT.  
SOME PEOPLE PRAY TO IT!

Thirty-four-year-old Klarke Taylor has two children, a pile of bills and creditors who won't leave her alone. And she's had just about enough. So Klarke and her confidants, Breezy and Jeva, resort to devising a shady plan to snag her a man who will make all her monetary dreams come true.

Reo Laroque, is a bestselling author and is right where he always dreamed of being in life. He has it all, including women who come out in droves for this high-ticketed bachelor. But all Reo wants is a virtuous woman to claim as his own. Now Klarke has him in her sights and he soon becomes entangled in a twisted pursuit of love, lust and the almighty dollar.

Sexy and dramatic, *The Root of All Evil* is a story you will not soon forget!

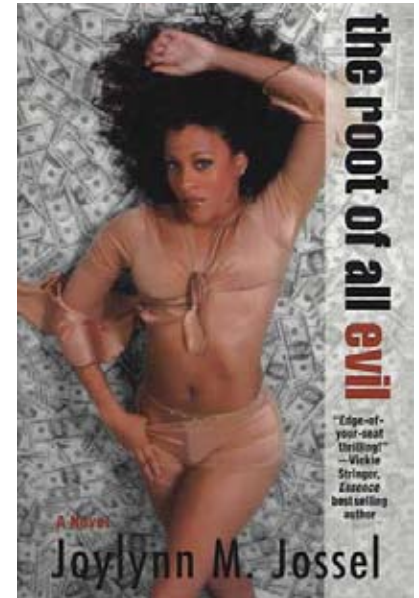
### Praise for *The Root of All Evil*

"An emotional roller coaster. . .brilliant twists, turns, ups and downs that surround a suspenseful plot."  
- Nikki Turner, #1 Essence bestselling author of *A Hustler's Wife*

"Edge of your seat thrilling, sensual, humorous and romantic." - Vickie Stringer, Essence bestselling author of *Let That Be the Reason* and *Imagine This*

### Reading Group Guide Questions

1. Were you able to identify with Klarke? If so, to what extent? Do you believe Klarke did what she felt she had to do as a mother to protect her daughter?
2. Which character did you enjoy the most? Why?
3. If there were to be a sequel, what issues would you like to be addressed? And which character, if any, could you do without returning? Why?



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4. Was Reo realistic? Could you imagine Reo being the perfect soulmate for Klarke as you read the story? Do you feel Reo should have stood by Klarke's side to the end despite the fact that she pleaded guilty to the murder of his baby?
5. Who do you think killed the baby and why?
6. Were you satisfied with the outcome of the book, or were you starving for more?
7. Do you feel as though karma played a role in anyone's outcome? Please explain.
8. Does the author set herself apart from other writers in this particular genre? If yes, how? If no, why not?
9. What is your take on family values and its relation to a) Klarke's choice to protect her child?, b) Reo's initial choice to forgo his rights as a father?, c) Jeva accepting money over knowing her birth parents' true identities?

## About the Author

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