

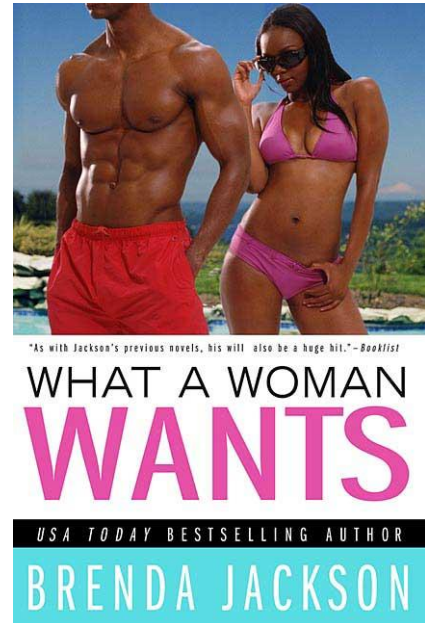
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What a Woman Wants

By Brenda Jackson

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About this Guide

The following author biography and list of questions about *What a Woman Wants* are intended as resources to aid individual readers and book groups who would like to learn more about the author and this book. We hope that this guide will provide you a starting place for discussion, and suggest a variety of perspectives from which you might approach *What a Woman Wants*.

About the Book

A titillating tale of three women who decide to let their hair down and live it up

After a close friend commits suicide, Faith, Monique, and Shannon head to a beach house in Hilton Head. Determined to make the most of their lives, they agree to spend the summer embracing new adventures. They also embrace new men and a new best friend along the way. Filled with passion and sensuality, witty dialogue and richly drawn characters, this is a story of women taking charge and doing what they want. And if the right man comes along, especially one who is willing to make an already hot summer even hotter, then pushing the envelope just might give life the jolt it needs.

About the Author

Brenda Jackson is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author of numerous novels, including the Westmorelands series and, from St. Martin's Press, *Some Like It Hot*, *Taste of Passion* and *The Playa's Handbook*, among others. She was the first African-American author to have a book published under the Harlequin/Silhouette Desire line of books and the first African-American romance author to make *USA Today's* Bestseller's List and the *New York Times* Bestseller's List for the series romance genre. Jackson has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Jacksonville University, and worked for thirty-seven years in



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management at a major insurance company. She now divides her time between family, writing and traveling. She has been married for thirty-seven years to her childhood sweetheart, Gerald, and they have two sons. She lives in the city where she was born, Jacksonville, Florida.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you feel Faith, Monique, and Shannon were right to feel guilty because they didn't know that Cely felt like giving up? Should they have known, since they were all close friends for many years?
2. Was Faith justified in keeping Shane at arm's length because of what she went through with her first marriage?
3. Considering Shannon's mind-set regarding the type of man she wanted, did Adam handle the situation effectively? Should he have been more or less tolerant? Why?
4. Why do you think it was easy for Monique to fall in love with a man like Lyle after losing "the perfect husband?"
5. Do you think Zack handled the situation with Anna properly, making sure a political career was something she wanted before deciding to run for public office?
6. What did you like most about the book?
7. Which hero was definitely what a woman would want, more so than the others? Why?
8. Do you think Faith and Monique had realistic expectations about what they wanted? Why or why not?
9. Do you think Shannon was wrong in allowing her parents to influence her feelings regarding the type of man she wanted in her future? Would you let your parents influence you?
10. Which of the four women do you think had the most emotional baggage? How did each deal with it?

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