

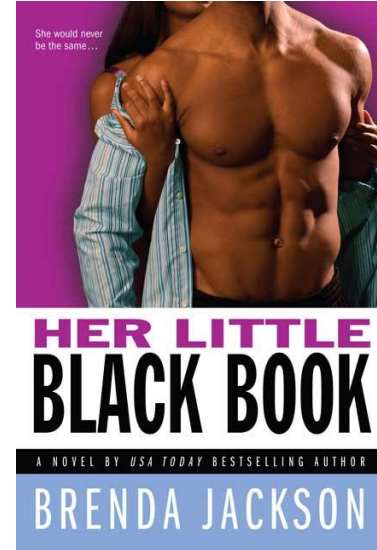
# READING GROUP GUIDE

## Her Little Black Book

By Brenda Jackson

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### About this Guide

The following author biography and list of questions about *Her Little Black Book* 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 *Her Little Black Book*.

### About the Book

It's less than a week before Sonya Morrison's wedding when she decides to pass her legendary little black book on to her cousin Courtney Andrews along with all of her best wishes. Courtney, who's fast approaching thirty, thinks every woman she knows has somehow met a man who is husband material except for her. So Sonya's little black book seems to be just what she needs. That's until Courtney discovers she and her cousins have completely different tastes when it comes to men.

But just when she is about to give up and toss the infamous little black book into the garbage, when she meets Lake Masters. Eight years her senior, he's a lot older than the men she's normally attracted to, but he's handsome, intelligent, wealthy, and a man who is determined to sweep her off her feet. But the road to love is never easy and Courtney may find that her little black book is more a curse than a blessing.

### 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-



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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 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 that in the beginning Courtney should have been more supportive of her parents' decision to save their marriage?
2. Knowing the animosity between his wife, ex-wife and daughter, should Joe have brought Suzette to the wedding?
3. When Harper Isaac was arrested, should Courtney have taken her funds to pay for an attorney or do whatever was needed to help get Harper out of the trouble he was in? What about her handling of the other two guys from her little black book? Were her expectations too high?
4. Do you think that Ron really had any intentions of trying to save his marriage?
5. Should Barbara have been so quick to trust her husband again after what he did to her in the past?
6. Could you understand Peggy's reluctance to date again even when a nice guy like Willie Baker came along?
7. How do you feel about Ron taking Ashira to Hawaii with him and Barbara? Should Barbara have suspected something?
8. What do you think of Lake Masters' style of romancing Courtney? Did he move too fast? Too slow?
9. Considering the men in her life, did you understand Courtney's reluctance to take Lake at face value?
10. Considering Ron's health situation, should Barbara have stayed with him in the end? Was informing him of the divorce in the hospital a low blow?

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