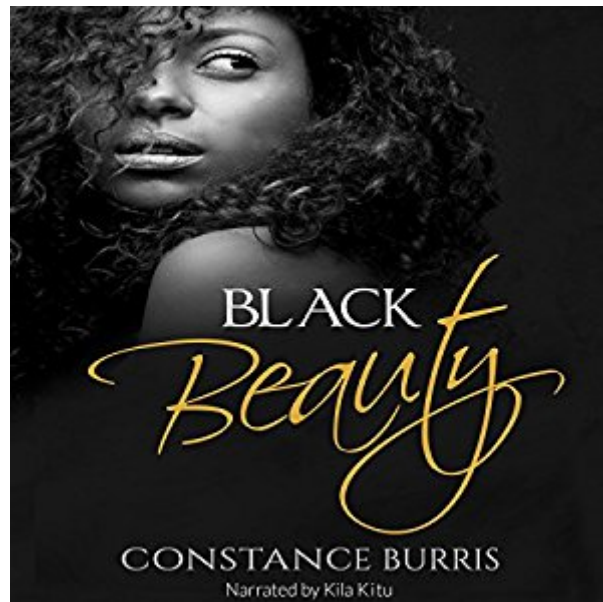


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Synopsis

At Vista Apartment Complex, life drastically changes for four of its residents when they decide to do business with Crazy Jade, the supposed voodoo witch who can grant your wish - for a price. Shemeya wants the confidence to stand up to the girls bullying her at school, but she soon has to choose between keeping her dreadlocks and living a normal life. After catching her boyfriend cheating, Latreece just wants to have the same curves as all the other girls. Ashley will do whatever she can to have "white girl flow" but takes her pursuit too far when she steals from Crazy Jade. Everyone who comes into contact with Crazy Jade soon learns the true price of her magic - and how horribly wrong it can go.

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You're TryingSince there are multiple storylines, it's hard to score all of them fairly, but the stronger couple is in the novella. They have to balance different cultural and social expectations and responsibilities with their affection for one another. The other couples don't have as many feelings to deal with when trying out a relationship.Feminist Score: Good EffortThis score was a pretty difficult decision for me - again because of the multiple stories there are some where I want to say absolutely NO and then others where I was excited to see the women standing up for each other. One story in particular deals with the social pressure to look a certain way and another shows how calling one woman an insult can represent the wider world's views about women in general.

It's giving a higher score because, even when showing things I wouldn't want to give points for, those problematic items are called out. Plus, women are the ruling queens in the storyline woven through each piece, so there's that. Diversity Score: Good Effort The stories take place in an apartment complex with mostly black and Latino/Hispanic residents – in itself is not usually represented in mainstream books. Add on that several of the families are living at or below the poverty line and you get something that is rarely seen. I really liked the world Burris built here; it's definitely filling a hole that exists in publishing. However, there are a couple of issues. One is that the woman behind all the lessons is called “Crazy Jade” by almost everyone.

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