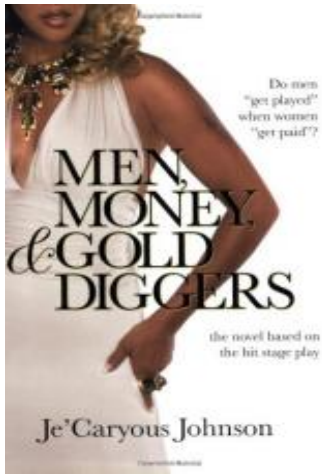


Men, Money, & Gold Diggers

by Je'Caryous Johnson



About the Book

Caleb Peterson has it all --- a great job, plenty of money, and a fine fiancée in former model Paisley Terrell. They're all set to get married just as soon as she signs a prenuptial agreement, but there's just one problem... "Paisley don't do pre-nups!" As war wages and trusts start to crumble, it turns into an all-out battle of the sexes. Paisley's best friend, Trina, tries to convince her to "get paid," while Caleb's friends try to prevent him from "getting played." With her relationship in jeopardy, Paisley turns to ex-boyfriend Bobby Trumane, who promises to give her everything her heart desires. Paisley soon realizes that what one man won't do, another man will... but is that what she wants?

Discussion Guide

1. There's a saying that people are going to do only what you allow them to do. Do you believe that's why women continue to do Caleb wrong?
2. Caleb seems to have found the perfect woman in Asia. Do you believe he sabotages this relationship? Or do you believe they were never really compatible?
3. Do you believe it's Caleb's own fault that he attracts gold diggers?
4. Is it okay to take gifts from a man?
5. Paisley has gotten to the point that it's just as easy to love a rich man as it is to love a broke man. What do you think of this attitude?

6. Paisley and Caleb seem to click instantly. Do you believe their attraction is genuine or are they both attracted because of what each brings to the table (Caleb, money; Paisley, appearance)?
7. Caleb's issues seem to stem in part from his relationship with his mother. How do you think his childhood shaped the man that he became?
8. Dedra obviously has feelings for Caleb throughout their relationship. Why do you think it takes her so long to act upon those feelings?
9. After the drama she endured with Bobby, particularly being humiliated on television, Paisley says she is completely through with him. Why is Bobby so easily able to woo Paisley back?
10. In Chapter 31, Dedra tells Caleb, "If you dangle a steak in front of a dog, naturally it's going to want it. And if you keep feeding it steaks, that's what it will become accustomed to." What do you think of this philosophy?
11. Caleb seems to be a mess when it comes to women. What do you think is the root of his problems?
12. After reading the entire book, who would you classify as the real gold digger, and why?

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Je'Caryous Johnson is co-founder and CEO of I'm Ready Productions, a theatre production company based in Texas. A four-time national championship playwright, Je'Caryous received the NAACP 2007 Trailblazer Award and is the youngest producer/playwright to garner national media attention. Best known for adapting best-selling novels into plays, Johnson decided to branch out and write his own novels to go along with his theatre productions --- such plays include "Men, Money & Gold Diggers" and "Whatever She Wants". Both plays were performed nationally and included actors and music recording artists such as: Vivica A. Fox, Leon, Ginuwine, Tank, Brian McKnight, Malik Yoba, and many more!

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