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First her mother, then her detective husband Frank and now her best friend Pamela Coleman: Murder keeps striking down those who Candace Johnson loves most, and now she faces a terrible crisis of faith. Enter Detective Darnell Jackson. He's determined to track down Pamela's killer, but he's going to need Candace's help. In Darnell, she sees a chance for justice; in Candace, he sees a beautiful, dynamic woman who desperately needs God in her life. As Candace reluctantly opens up about some unsavory aspects of her friend's life, Darnell starts to see disturbing connections between Pamela's killing and Frank's. But the culprit is still out there, and if Candace and Darnell can't put the pieces together soon, they may be the next victims!"

## When Rain Falls Details

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## From Reader Review When Rain Falls for online ebook

### Cortez III says

The title refers to the life of one Candace Johnson and she's in the midst of a personal torrent of perpetual heartache. I won't give away those issues, read the back cover copy for a preview, but needless to say, she's an emotional wreck. Enter Detective Darnell Jackson of the Charlotte Police Department. His main agenda is to solve the case presented before him, but simultaneously, he's got this other agenda that slowly evolves and the target of it is one Ms. Johnson. Fortunately for him, despite common sense to the contrary, she's feeling his vibe as well. You'll understand that statement once you read the book.

I don't fancy myself a reader of romantic suspense/mystery. I'm more of a straight-laced police procedural/thriller kind of guy, but Ms. Moody kept both facets of the genre building toward the climax and kept this reader turning the pages. It takes its time to get where it's going focusing on the world of relationships in the lives of Candace and Darnell, but cranks up the pace where it needs to at the end. For the sake of the genre requirements, Darnell, and he thought as much too, may have tipped his informational hand a bit with Candace that might be over the line in a real life investigation, but like Bobby Caldwell sang back in the day, 'What You Won't Do For Love'.

A plethora of tangled relationships drives the engine of When Rain Falls and it's up to Candace and Darnell and a few other chosen folks to decipher truths from lies. A couple minor craft quibbles, Tyora: 1) Trust the simple believability of contracted words; it makes the dialogue sound more realistic. But too, we're all different and our myriad relationship contacts in life affect our word choices. Like I said, minor quibble, but worth rethinking for the future and 2) You didn't need to utilize a third POV when it was used so infrequently as it didn't add a lot to the story. I understand why you did it, but trust your two principal POV characters to carry the book; they got this. And I'm sure they got this in the next book in the Victory Gospel Series too and #Two.

A good, and sad to say, rare entry in the Christian Black Crime Fiction genre. Come on, readers and publishers, support this and other bold novelists broadening the African-American Christian Market reading niches/experiences. Solid debut.

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### Adrienna says

When Rain Falls draws you in with the prologue, so bold, fierce and suspenseful bit to chew. You are left wondering who is the 12 year old girl and why she's in the cop car crying out to her Mama.

Candace Johnson is a widow. Detective Frank Johnson was her protector and hero even when she still feared her childhood bogeyman. The man on the chase of a sudden murder and may be connected to her husband's two-year ago death, Detective Darnell Jackson divorced, dog owner, and loves his job but hates the stress of the job itself. Detective Steven Brunson, former partner of Frank Johnson, hardly works on the case with Det. Jackson. He's a hardball that seems like a know-it-all.

The story denotes that the recent murder of a prominent defense lawyer, Pamela Coleman, (daughter of Judge Bill Coleman--well-known judge with prestige in the community) is a crime of passion. Still waiting to see how the loose ends tie together and connect the dots. I have some primary suspects on my list aside from what is justified in the novel. I still love to see how this crime of passion plays out also the prologue.

Dream moment in the book on page 204, where it discussed that Candace accepted Christ at an early age of life but her faith was shaky at times yet she retained and remained at the very foundation of her salvation. We are saved by faith through the grace of God, and we all tumble and stumble in our walk as believers based on the hardships, grief, and other distractions that come in our way to get us off-course but we do not have to stay there!

Tyora Moody is a blessed talent who spurred a Christian Romance Suspense novel and now has a devoted fan to read/review the Victory Gospel Series. Her writing style is superb, splendid, and takes the reader on a spectacular journey to see what is unleashed.

\*I received an advanced readers copy from the author for book review (October 2011).

Adrienna Turner, author of "God is in the Equation" and "The Day Begins with Christ"

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\*If I could give a 10, I would!

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## **Cindy says**

Candace Johnson, has lost a lot, her momma, her husband and now two years after her husband, here comes another devastating loss.

Her best friend Pamela was found murdered. Candace is not sure she can handle this. Her bitterness is overtaking her. She feels

like God is taking away the people that she loves.

This murder is high-profile, with Pamela a defense lawyer, she wasn't always the prosecutor or the police's favorite person. Her father

being a judge also puts pressure on the police to solve this crime. Detective Darnell Jackson finds that everyone seems to know

each other in this investigation. His partner is acquainted with the murder victim, and her best friend Candace, was the wife of Brunson's

former partner, and his own aunt Beulah, knew them all. Would they be able to find the truth about who wanted Pamela dead?

This book was a great debut novel for Tyora Moody. She gives us a great story full of suspense, with unexpected twists and turns. I truly

enjoyed this story and so will you if your a suspense fan. Dealing with many hard issues in this story, Tyora Moody, does

so with excellence and with finesse. Definitely a book that I recommend! 4 stars!

This book was provided by the author for review purposes only. No payment was received for this review.

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## **Reader's Paradise says**

Headline: There's always a Rainbow after the storm, if you believe.

Pamela Coleman and Candace Johnson have been friends since they were kids in school. Pamela was engaged a few times but never married. Candace on the other hand was married to Officer Frank Coleman for seventeen years, before he was murdered. The story opens twenty-seven years earlier with Candace as a

little girl after the death of her mother. Can a person remain emotionally stable after losing two very close people in their life?

Pamela called her friend to talk, but then changed her mind. What was so urgent, but then became so obsolete? Unfortunately the next time we meet up with Pamela she is found murdered and her death leaves Candace with more questions than answers.

Darnell Jackson, is the detective assigned to work the Coleman case. He quickly finds out that this case has more twist and dead ends than he expected. Once Det. Jackson meet Candace he's mesmerized by her beauty and his need to solve this case is magnified.

Moody's gift for characterization allows the reader to become one with the story. She handles difficult subject matter like grief and revenge in a way that shows her strengths. Readers looking for encouragement and hope will find it between the pages of "When Rain Falls".

A galley proof provided by the author for the purpose of this review.

Missy  
Readers Paradise  
5 book marks

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### **Maurice Jr. says**

Debut author Tyora Moody hit the ground running with When Rain Falls, the first book in the Victory Gospel Series, and left me wanting more. She created endearing characters- it was easy to care about what happened to them as the story progressed. We can all relate to Candace Johnson's feeling that God keeps taking the ones she loves, and to her desire to not stop until the mystery is solved.

Detective Darnell Jackson wasn't perfect, which made me like him all the more. He was realistically portrayed- he had his own issues to deal with (a recent divorce, a partner who might or might not trust him) as he sought to solve the mystery of who murdered Candace's best friend.

I enjoyed the fact that I didn't guess whodunnit until the secret was revealed- nothing kills a mystery for me quicker than my being able to guess who the perpetrator is within two chapters. The action and the main characters' personal lives were mixed well- there wasn't so much time spent on their families or on the possibility of romance that we lost track of the mystery.

If you like a good mystery or just Christian fiction in general, you will love When Rain Falls. Can't wait for Book II!

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### **Shelia Bell says**

Debut author Tyora Moody strikes a positive one two three punch with When Rain Falls. Tyora is a great storyteller. Her characters were easy to 'see'. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each of them.

Murder, Mayhem, Grace and Mercy! All marvelously interwoven in When Rain Falls by Tyora Moody. Widow Candace Johnson is one bitter woman, much like many women today who have experienced deep

hurt over the loss of a loved one. Candace can be any person you encounter on a daily basis. She is no stranger to grief and pain. Candace has some major issues with God. She can't understand why she keeps losing her loved ones. She fails to see what God is doing and why He is doing it to her.

Detective Darnell Jackson has his share of troubles, especially on the job. He wants Candace to tell him about some events that occurred before the murder of the judge's daughter. He didn't plan on falling for Candace. Should he say something? Will he let Candace know how he feels? What, if any, skeletons is he hiding? Who is going around murdering people?

Will Candace stop being angry and bitter toward God? Will she ever be able to move forward into her future when her past has been so devastating? I asked all of these questions and more as I became entranced with the unfolding of this story.

When Rain Falls gives us an equal balance of good Christian fiction and a great mystery. I look forward to reading more of Author, Tyora Moody's work.

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### **Arlena says**

Author: Tyora Moody

Published by: Urban Books

Age Recommended: YA - Adult

Reviewed By: Arlena Dean

Rating: 5

Review:

"When Rain Falls" by Tyora Moody was a very uplifting read that I simply could not put down until the end. This will make my third book I have read by this author and YES, it was one that kept you on the edge of your seat waiting to see what would happen next. How this author can present such a wonderful read with murder of the husband and best friend...finding out that there maybe a link to it all? The characters were are so well developed and so captivating that you could even relate to them. I was extremely taken with how this author was able to present 'Christian Principals.' Be ready for a wonderful well written read that you will not forget long after the read that takes you into the police station, crime scenes, beauty salon, the mega church and teenagers just being teens with raging hormones. Be ready for a mystery, suspense and thriller read that will have you guessing till the end. Oh, what a end it is!

Would I recommend "When Rain Falls"...I am sure you have guess my answer. YES! Thank you Ms. Moody for a wonderful wonderful READ!

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### **Katrina Burchett says**

Candace Johnson was only twelve when she lost her mother. After seventeen years of marriage, she lost her husband. Now her best friend, Pamela Coleman, has been killed. Losing so many loved ones has caused Candace to put her faith in God on the back burner. Will she ever be able to connect with the heavenly Father again?

I liked Candace. She was a strong, independent woman and a good mother to two teens – Rachel (16) and Daniel (14). I also liked Beulah and Mrs. Roberts, and some of the conversations Candace had with them. Candace stopped attending church regularly after her husband's death, but even though she was struggling with her faith, she did not forget where her help came from. Candace knew how to call on God in times of need.

I understood Candace's pain, but I did not agree with her thinking God took her loved ones. Her mother, her husband, her best friend, each of them died in a way that I don't believe God would have anything to do with. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11) Reading this story, I was reminded of how sometimes Christians don't take the time to thank God when good things happen, but they are quick to blame Him, or say He's the One responsible, when something goes wrong. It's as if they forget there's also an Enemy. The thief (Satan) comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

This novel has sixty chapters, but most are not lengthy. The story grabbed me from the beginning. It was written in a way that kept me wondering and guessing who the killer was and, although there was a bit of repetitiveness, it was not predictable. While investigators looked into Pamela's murder, Candace did some investigating of her own. She was a woman fighting for justice. She had questions and with every turn of the page I was anticipating the answers. I started reading in the evening hours. When I was ready to go to bed, I had to read one more chapter, and then one more.... It was difficult to put this book down.

Survivor's guilt, legalism, adultery, flawed Christians, domestic violence, forgiveness - Tyora Moody deals with these issues and a bit more. She has penned an entertaining, suspenseful debut!!

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### **Desiree Watson says**

Candace has never had a relationship with her mother. She was a little girl hiding I'm the closet when her mother was murdered. Shortly after she got grown and married and had children, her police officer husband Frank was killed. After Frank was murdered, her best friend Pamela is murdered. She can't understand why everyone she loves is being taken from her.

As Detective Darnell Johnson begins to investigate the murder of her friend Pamela, he comes across all kinds of interesting facts. In the end, He and Candace become close and it is Candace who ultimately finds out who the murderer of her husband and best friend is.

She can't believe that after all the time Hillary has been coming to her hair salon, she would do something this had me accusing some of everybody. I really thought Candace's husband Frank's partner was going to have something to do with Frank's murder but I was wrong on that angle. All in all, I enjoyed this book.  
Read: June 2014

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### **Paulette Harper says**

Tyora Moody breaks into Christian Fiction with her first debut novel "When Rain Falls". An ideal book and must read for those who love suspense with twist and turns through out the chapters. A "who" done it book for sure. I love how Tyora set up each chapter between the two major characters which allows the reader to be drawn into the story. Great job, Tyora. A highly recommended novel to add to your library of well-

written books.

~ Paulette Harper Johnson, Author of That Was Then, This is Now and Completely Whole

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## **OOSA says**

### When It Rains It Pours

Tyora Moody's "When Rain Falls" is about the life of Mrs. Candace Johnson as she endures sorrow, pain and death. Candace was a motherless child. After marrying the man of her dreams and having two children, her husband was murdered. Then Candace's best friend, Pamela, was found murdered. "Why does God keep taking away people I love?" Rachel, Candace daughter cries out. Readers will have to read the book to find out why and the many plots and twists this novel takes.

With "When Rain Falls," I walked away satisfied as a reader and a reviewer that this was a great "whodunnit" novel. I rated this book five stars because it was an excellent read. You will encounter: death, crime, violence, love, betrayal, spirituality, adultery, and the trauma of dreams.

The setting was in Charlotte, North Carolina, in 2008. My favorite character was Candace Johnson for being a resilient strong woman; a widow raising two teenagers who has faced death more than her fair share.

The writer's style was excellent. This was a page turner once you got involved. It started off a little dry. Everything was realistically set and believable. All I can say is remember the clues to see what happens next. The character development of each character was well thought out and placed exactly where they needed to be placed in this novel. The flow and the suspense were built in a crescendo and unbelievable good.

Readers witness a police station, crime scenes and a mega-church for the services. The teen-angers are rambunctious teenagers who do silly things such as playing basketball, video games with raging hormones.

"When Rain Falls" would be a great book for book clubs or mystery book lovers to tear apart or if you love a great mystery on a cold winter's night. Enjoy this novel and throw the answers to the wind.

Reviewed by: Marilyn

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## **Rhonda McKnight says**

Tyora M. Moody's When Rain Falls is great combination of Christian Fiction and Mystery. Two of my favorite genres combined into one well written, compelling story.

The story starts in 1981 New York, where we first meet Candace. She experienced a life altering event that makes her wonder why God would allow such things to happen to her. When we next meet Candace Johnson she is a widowed parent of two teenagers and managing her own business in Charlotte North Carolina. Candace's friend Pamela has information for Candace but she never finds out what the information is before tragedy strikes the Johnson family again.

Darnell Jackson is a recently relocated detective from Los Angeles, California to Charlotte, North Carolina.

He is the new partner to Candace's husband's old partner. He is not well received by the other detectives. So he tends to do things (investigations) his own way.

Candace questions God when she is faced with another tragedy. She does not sit around and wait for the police to do their investigations. She investigates on her own.

There are many twist and turns in this story and characters are well written. It is compelling from the beginning to the end. I thoroughly enjoyed this book. The story was so well written that it seemed as if I was right there with Candace trying to solve the mystery. If you enjoy mysteries then you will truly enjoy When Rain Falls. Tyora M. Moody is a great storyteller. I eagerly wait for her next book release.

Reviewed by Janette Malcolm for Urban Christian Fiction Today

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### **Pedro Okoro says**

When Rain Falls is one of the best novels I've read this year. Its a page turner that will keep you on the edge of your seat!

Moody does an excellent job of tying in the murders of the main character's husband and best friend. Character development is phenomenal. The characters are real and I could relate to them. Christian principles are present but not forced on you. Moody does a brilliant job of bringing readers through this suspense-filled journey!

I can't wait to read her next book in the Victory Gospels Series, When Memories Fade, when it releases March 2013!

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### **Yolanda Gore says**

Tyora did a great job writing her debut novel. The main character, Candace Johnson could be heard and felt throughout the story. Anyone who may be angry with God and has lost faith really needs to read this book. Have you ever felt like giving up? Do you feel that God's love and grace isn't sufficient enough? When Rain Falls is the book for you. When Rain Falls isn't preachy but inspirational. It's not sex-filled but romantic. It's filled with lots of emotion and suspense. Even through tragedy, God's love still prevails. Does Candace finally open up her heart and let God in or does she allow the bitterness to control her life? Will she uncover more than she bargains for while she searches for answers to who murdered her best friend? You will have to read When Rain Falls to find out. Bring on Book 2, the 1st one gets four thumbs up!!

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### **Maureen Timerman says**

What a nail biting read! You won't be able to put this fast paced book down. Candace Johnson is just starting to get over the pain of her husband Frank's murder. Now another of her loved ones has been murdered...her best friend Pamela Coleman. How could this be happening again. She met Pamela when she moved to North Carolina as a 12 year old, after her own Mother had been murdered.

She has two children Rachael 16, and Daniel 14, along with some very Dear friends. Loved the characters of Beulah, Tangie, and Mrs Roberts. Candace's Children were extremely close to Pamela, they thought of her as

their Aunt, and now the hands of death have touched them again.

Detective Darnell Jackson has transferred from LA back to NC, and near his Aunt Beulah. He works in Homicide and is now working on Pamela's murder. He was raised by his Aunt after his Mother died, and now recovering from his divorce is trying to move on.

Pamela, Candace and Darnell, are all members of the mega church Victory Gospel. Candace and Darnell meet there at the funeral. Love how God is working in all of their lives. He does answer their prayers, sometimes not the way they want.

Tyora weaves a great mystery, and you will have to keep keep reading so you can find out the answers. I was surprised by the ending in my mind accusing the wrong people.

I received this book from the Author, and was not required to give a positive review.

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