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From a fresh new voice with talent to burn comes this brash bitter sweet novel about Tracy Ellison, a young girl with knockout looks, slanted hazel eyes, tall hair, and attitude, as she comes of age during the hip-hop era. Motivated by the material life, Tracy, her friends, and the young men who will do anything to get next to them are plunged into a world of violence, gratuitous sex, and heartbreak. Slowly, Tracy begins to examine her life, her goals, and her sexuality—as she evolves from a *Flyy Girl* into a woman.

A captivating tale, written with fluid narrative and contemporary dialect, *Flyy Girl* captures the complete feel and sounds of the streets and is destined to become an urban classic.

## Flyy Girl Details

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### Taylor says

#### A BOOK EVERY TEEN SHOULD READ, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN AMERICAN TEENS

I truly enjoy reading this book because it contains many important messages people seem to miss by only paying attention to certain parts of the book such as being sexually active still in middle school, dating trouble makers, wearing nice expensive clothes, etc. When actually the author was writing this to make a point the bad choices Tracy was making could cause her to end up like her role model, Mercedes a drug addict. Tracy is simply a product of her environment being raised in a single parent, while the father is off doing god knows what, sometimes not seeing his family for months while still married. Along with her mother working, Tracy has a lot of free time on her hands, as they say "idleness is the devil's workshop" Tracy gets into some trouble but pulls through. The author, being a male, did an impeccable job with writing about Tracy, a teenage girl. The character is very realistic, I felt I have met Tracy before. The imagery of the book is very good even though I was born in 1994 and never lived through the 80's (I love 80's culture) I could envision the setting as if I was actually there. This book brought up a lot of things in my mind, for example the adults in my family (who are around the same age of Tracy in the time period the book was written) are always complaining how bad my generation is. This book opened up my eyes, Flyy Girl was published in 1993 based in the late 70's to 80's and the people my age are no different from the people in the book. It makes me mad when adults act like they never did the stuff people my age, I am not condoning the action of sleeping around, doing drugs, etc.

Even though this is my favorite book I have some issues with the book. I am a honey-caramel with a father from Nigeria and Creole mother but I found it very annoying the only attractive people in the book were light-skin, light eyes, silky curly hair people like

Tracy, Patti, Raheema, Mercedes, Beth, Bruce, Timmy, Bob, Charles, (the list is endless) with the exception of Victor. The authors always emphasize skin tones, eyes, and sometimes hair. Interesting dark-skin people like Keith are described as "in times of his evilness, could look like a blue-black red-eyed wino" or consider not good-looking (page 19). Another problem I had with the book was with Tracy being in love with Victor. Maybe because I never sexually or something is reason I don't understand. Tracy and Victor had very few meaningful interactions with each other so I don't understand why she is in love with him.

But regardless of how I feel about the book I recommend the book to anyone.

NOTE: I have read this book two times. One time during my freshman year of high school and the second during my senior years which was just yesterday.

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### Bookishrealm says

This was pretty good. Some parts did drag and I feel like Tracy could have learned her lesson at a more gradual pace. I love the inclusion of Afro-centric elements. Especially Tracy's poem. It was beautiful. Interesting to see where the rest of her story goes. Full review to come.

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### Christina says

I had to read this book for an African American novel class. We finished reading classics by James Baldwin, Richard Wright, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, George Schuyler, William Wells Brown, Ralph Ellison,

etc...then read Flyy Girl as an example of the new sub-genre of the urban novel within African American literature. While it was an easy read and elicited a smile at times, it was a VERY poorly written novel that made me wince several times at the unsophisticated style and lack of literary style. I would recommend this book for reluctant readers and teens whose parents don't mind sexuality in their reading material. Once concept I did find interesting and am currently writing a paper on is the effect of absentee fathers on adolescent females and their conceptualization of manhood. The main character, Tracy, allows the boys in her life to treat her the exact same way that her father treats her mother-including allowing abuse and putting up with and unwillingness to commit. When her mother finally gives her father an ultimatum, Tracy also stands up to the love of her young life who up until now has been coming and going and using her whenever he feels like it. This really made me think about the fact that young black males aren't the only ones affected by the lack of structure that is becoming normal in the African American family.

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### **Sergine says**

I was in my early teens, I believe when a schoolmate recommended this novel to me. Even at that time, I was disturbingly unhappy with the style, composition and overall literary flow of this novel. The main character was unrelatable and even if she were, I couldn't find her likeable or even worthy of empathy. I had a rather difficult time connecting with Tyree's prose and was disappointed with his other projects as well.

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### **Keisha says**

This book was pretty good. I think there may have been a sequel written.

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### **Joyanne8f says**

I think this book is very interesting. It has so many details. I can relate to it because I am a teen dealing with the decisions and consequences of life. I love this book, and think anyone in their teenage years.

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### **N says**

Tracy was very spoiled and childish. She was a pretty girl but her self esteem was low in my opinion, she did grow up some what in the end. I plan to read part two to see whatever became of her.

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### **Jasean says**

This book never disappoints. Victor is everything! I just hate how the series ended though.

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### **Winter Sophia Rose says**

Enlightening, Realistic, Page-Turner!!! Excellent Read! I Loved It!

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### **Lee says**

This has to be one of the most poorly written books that I have read.

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### **Nardsbaby Reader says**

#### **A Young Girl in Flight**

This is a coming of age story during the 80's baby! I liked that part, and how he described the gear we use to sport! Just hearing the title and thinking about the song makes me want to go hang out how we did in "my day!" LOL Dang am I that old!

Tracy, the main character is as superficial as they come. She enjoys a twist of her newfound freedom since her parents separate and she has gone from hating guys, to loving them! She's all about fashion, and guys, nothing else seems to matter. It's a nice story maybe for younger girls and their moms in case you'll forgot what it was like. It was very detailed and honestly that got boring to me! I did like that she finally matured past being all engrossed in her looks, her gear, and her jealousy. Flat-backing is not how a real woman gets on ladies!

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### **Roy says**

This book certainly has its fair share of fans. It didn't connect with me personally but many strongly disagree, so victory for Mr. Tyree. He must have done something right to get Flyy Girl on some of the lists I've seen such as "15 Books Every Young Black Woman Should Read". I can't say that this is a novel I'll steer my daughter towards some day. But since it was recently announced that the trilogy (apparently there are two follow ups) will be hitting the big screen soon, word of mouth must be sending quite a few girls to these books, and perhaps she'll eventually decide on her own to pick it up. So be it. Taste is subjective and there is no shortage of titles that have not been critics' darlings but generated buzz and sold like hotcakes anyway. If you see a bit of yourself in a book then the author has done his/her job, and plenty have said just that about Flyy Girl. I just don't happen to be one of them.

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### **Bonita says**

one can keep tired of reading about perfect shaped girls, money falls in their laps, long hair, pretty eyes, all the men/boys want them. it's not realistic. yes this is just entertainment, but it was boring.

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### **Lilli says**

This was a great book that prompted me to read other books by the author. Unfortunately, this book was a "one hit wonder" compared to the author's later releases.

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### **Robins says**

This book was good. I gave it 4 stars because it was another typical book about a hard headed black girl going through family troubles, having sex, picking the wrong dude and ending up with nothing. Even though Im tired of hearing this same concept the book was good.

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